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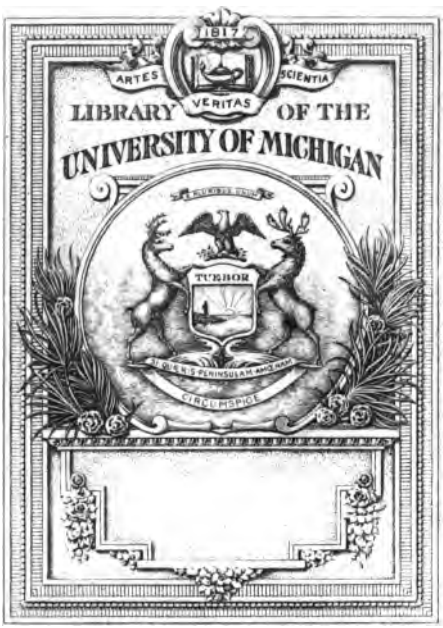
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At a Meeting of the General Assembly begun and holden at Jacksonburgh on Tuesday the eighth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and eighty two.

His Excellency the Governor and Members of the Privy Council being of opinion that the Safety & Welfare of the state made it necessary a Legislature should be convened, And there being no Legislative Body in existence, his Excellency by virtue of the Powers and Authority Vested in him by an Ordinance of the late General Assembly entitled "an Ordinance for the better Defence and Security of this state, during the recess of the General Assembly" passed the day of February One thousand Seven hundred and eighty, with the Advice and Consent of Council, on the twentieth day of November, One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty one, Issued Writs of Election for the several Parishes and Districts in the State directed to certain Commissioners for the electing on the Seventeenth and eighteenth days of December then next, Members of the Honble the Senate, and also of the House of Representatives, to meet in General Assembly on the eighth day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty two, In consequence of which after due and legal notice given Elections were held as directed by the Writs, And the Gentlemen whose names are here under mentioned vizt.

M^r. Ferguson	M^r. Joseph Slann	M^r. John Ward
Doct^r. Ramsay	Geo. Livingston	R^d: Singleton
M^r. Ed. Rutledge	Hugh Rutledge	R^d: Hutson
John Owen	Col^o Wilkinson	Thos. Shubrick
Ralph Izard	M^r. Wm Skirving	John Kean

James Postell & M^r. George Flagg—being some of the Members elected for the House of Represenatives met, and there not being a sufficient number to make a House, the Members present proceeded to the choice of a Chairman and M^r. Hugh Rutledge being Chosen, took the Chair accordingly, And Adjourned the House

till to morrow morn^g. 10. °Clock

Wednesday the 9th.

The House met according to Adjournment

Present

M^r. Chairman

M^r. Ferguson	Col. Wilkinson
M^r.. Shubrick	M^r. Burke
Mr Keane	M^r. Ed: Rutledge

Mr. Chairman adjourned the House till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Thursday the 10th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr, Chairman

Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Burke
Doctr. Ramsay
Genl. Huger
Mr. Ed. Rutledge
Mr. William Reid

And then Mr. Chairman Adjourned the House till to morrow 12 o'Clock

Friday the 11th.

The House met according to Adjournment.—

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Charles Dupont
Mr. Slann
Mr. Rd. Hutson
Mr. Shubrick, and

And then Mr. Chairman Adjourn'd the House till tomorrow 12 'oclock—

Saturday the 12th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Doctr. Ramsay
Mr. Wm. Robison
Mr. Thomas Jones
Mr. Henry Felder
Mr. Burke
Mr. Geo. Rennison

Mr. Chairman then Adjourned the House to Monday next 10 'oclock,

Monday the 14th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Richd. Hutson
Colo. Beard
Majr Vanderhorst
Majr. Boquet
Mr. Skirving
Mr. Livingston

Mr. Chairman then Adjourn'd the House till tomorrow 10, oClock.

Tuesday the 15th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Mr. Ferguson	Doctr. Ramsay	Mr. Rd. Hutson
Mr. Izard	Colo. Grimke	Mr. Burke

Mr. Chairman Adjourned the House till tomorrow 11 o'clock

Wednesday the 17th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present

Mr. Chairman

Colo. Wilkinson	Mr. Glen Drayton	Mr. Ferguson
Genl. Huger	Mr. Rd. Hutson	Mr. Skirving

Mr. Chairman adjourned the House till tomorrow morng. 10. o'Ck

Thursday the 17th.

The House met according to Adjournment, there being a sufficent Number of Members to make a House, whose names are hereunder mentioned vizt,

Doctr. Ramsay	Mr. Burke	Mr. Gibbes
Mr. Thos. Jones	Mr. John Owen	Colo. Grimke
Mr. Beresford	Mr. Danl. Stevens	Mr Charles Warham
Mr. Hugh Rutledge	Mr John Berwick	Majr. Vanderhorst.
Mr. Jas Vanderhorst	Mr. Wm Scott	Mr Clements Brown
Mr. Gabl. Guignillatt	Mr Jno. Frierson	Mr. Alexr Broughton
Mr. Rd Hutson	Majr Petr. Boquet	Genl. Huger
Mr. T. Waring Sr.:	Mr. Ralph Izard,	Mr. George Flagg
Capt Shubrick	Mr. Ferguson	Col: Wilkinson
Capt. Joseph Slann	Mr. Geo. Levingston,	Mr. James Postell Junr.
Mr. Rd. Singleton	Mr. Wm. Skirving,	Mr: Joseph Glover
Mr Glen Drayton	Mr. Jno. Kean	Capt: Alexr. Mc.Gregor
Mr. Henry Hughes	Mr. Lewis Miles	Mr Mark Huggins Senr.
Capt. Wm. Mc.Cottery	Mr. Charles Dupont,	Mr James Moore
Colo. Wm. Stafford	Mr. Jno. Moore	Mr. Thos Cater
Mr. Thos Hutson	Mr. Jas. Smith	Doctr. Aaron Gillet
Mr. Andw. Postell	Mr. John Palmer Jr.	Colo. Richd. Richardson
Mr. John James of Santee	Colo Jonas Beard,	Mr. Joseph Culpepper

Col^{o}. David Glynn	Capt. Mich^{l} Leitner.	M^{r}. George Ruff
Capt. Jno. Wylds	Col^{o}. Jno. Thomas J^{r}.	Mr Saml.M^{c}.Junkin
Col^{o}. Jos. Kirkland	Col Hen^{y}. Hunter	M^{r}: W^{m}. Reeves
M^{r}. Wm Kirkland	Maj^{r}: Robt Lyall	M^{r}: W^{m}. Read
M^{r}. Will Myddleton	M^{r} R^{d}: And^{w}. Rapley,	Capt: Henry Felder
Mr Geo: Rennison	M^{r}: Will Robison,	M^{r}. Robert Lark
M^{r} Jno. Parkinson	M^{r}. W^{m}. Dunbar,	Mr John Collins

respectfully took the oath of qualification as directed by Law, and the oath of allegiance and Fidelity agreeable to the Constitution,—

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, upon casting up the Ballots it appeared M^{r}. Hugh Rutledge had a Majority of Votes And was declared duly Elected, M^{r}. Speaker elect was accordingly conducted to the Chair,

There not being any Candidate for the Clerkship of this House, the House requested that some one of the Members wou'd keep the Journals, untill a proper person cou'd be procured, M^{r}. John Berwick tender'd his Services, for the present, to the House, and they were accepted,—

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Messenger and Doorkeeper, upon Casting up the Ballots, it appear'd that M^{r}. John Pritchard was duly elected and took the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office,—

M^{r}. Edward Rutledge, return'd as a Member for the Parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Michael attended, and being called in was asked by M^{r}. Speaker whether he was ready to qualify

Answered in the affirmative.

M^{r}. Burke was desired to administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and allegiance,—M^{r}. Burke reported that he administred the same, and then M^{r}. Edward Rutledge took his Seat as a Member of this House accordingly,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee on Privileges and Elections be appointed,—

Ordered, That the following Gentlemen be of the Committee vizt.

M^{r}. Izard	M^{r}. Ferguson	Capt. Leitner
Doc^{r} Ramsay	M^{r}. Ch^{s}. Dupont	Col^{o}. Kirkland
M^{r}. Berwick	M^{r}. Jno. Palmer, J^{r}.	M^{r}. Rapley
M^{r}. Skirving.	Col^{o} Jno, James	&
	Col^{o} Beard	M^{r}. Felder

A Motion was made an seconded that a Committee be appointed to draw up Rules and Orders to be observed by the Members of the House of Representatives,—

Ordered—

That the following Gentlemen be of the Committee and to report tomorrow Morning vizt.

Mr. Edward Rutledge

Mr. Izard Mr. Rich^{d}. Hutson

A Motion being made and seconded that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Sketch of such Business as may be necessary to be taken into the Consideration of the House, during this Session

Ordered

That the following Gentlemen be a Committee for that purpose vizt

Doct^{r}. Ramsay

Mr. Ferguson Mr Rich^{d}. Hutson

Mr. Edwd. Rutledge & Mr. Burke. & Order'd to sit this Evening.—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor acquainting him that the House had made choice of a speaker and were ready to proceed on such business as His Excellency might have to lay before them,—

Ordered

That Mr. Burke and Col^{o}. Grimke do wait on His Excellency with the Message.—

Mr. Burke reported that Col^{o}. Grimke and himself had delivered the Message they had in charge, and that his Excellency was pleased to return for answer, that the House shou'd hear from him as soon as a House of Senate was made,—

The House then Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 O'Clock

Friday the 18th.

The House met according to Adjournment,

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings.

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House that several Gentlemen attended at the door, who were returned to Serve as Members of the House, and desired to know whether they shou'd be call'd in, and asked if they intended to Qualify,—

Ordered.—

That they be called in, and the following Gentlemen vizt. Mr. Tristram Thomas, Mr. Philip Pledger, Mr William Dewit, Mr. William Pegues, Mr. James Bradley, Mr. John Gamble, Mr. Solo-

mon Milner, Col°. William Henderson, Mr. Thomas Potts Majr. John James, Mr. John Mc.Cauley, Mr. John Baxter and Mr. James Thompson being called in were severally asked by Mr. speaker if they were ready to qualify for the several Parishes & Districts for which they were respectively chosen, & being answered in the affirmative,—Mr. Burke was desired to Administer to them the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance,

Mr. Burke—

Reported that he had administered the same and they took their seats accordingly as Members of this House,—

Mr. Edward Rutledge—

Reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Rules and Orders to be observed by the Members of the House, He read his Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table

Ordered,

That the report be taken into Consideration immediately, Each Rule being then read and the question put on them respectively by Mr. Speaker, they were unanimously agreed to,—

Ordered—

That the rules be fairly engrossed and Affixed to the Wainscott,—[1]

Ordered.—

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

A Motion was made, and Seconded for leave to bring in a Bill for repealing an Act which makes paper Currency or Bills of Credit a legal Tender &ca.

Ordered,—

That Mr. Burke have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose,

Mr. Burke brought in according to Order a Bill and he read the Title of the Bill in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table,—

The Bill for repealing an Act, which makes Paper Currency or Bills of Credit a legal tender &ca. was read a first time.

Ordered That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow,

A Motion was made and seconded, that Mr. Stevens and Mr. Scott be appointed Cashiers to this House,—

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[1]The journal did not state at the outset in what building in Jacksonborough the House met, but as it had a wainscott it must have been a dwelling or a church. There were no public buildings then in the village.

Ordered, That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Scott be appointed Cashiers,

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by the clerk of the Privy Councell, desiring the attendance of this House in the Senate,

The House accordingly waited on his Excellency.—

Mr. Speaker being return'd reported that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to deliver to both Houses the following Speech vizt.

Honble Gentlemen of the Senate, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

Since the last meeting of a General Assembly, the good People of this State have not only felt the Common Calamities of War, but from the Wanton and Savage manner in which it has been prosecuted they have experienced such severities as are unpractisd and will Scarcely be Credited by Civilized Nations,—

The Enemy unable to make any impression on the Northern States, the number of whose Inhabitants and the strength of whose Country had Baffled their repeated Efforts, turned their Views towards the Southern, which a difference of Circumstances afforded some expectation of conquering, or at least, of greatly distressing—after a long resistance, the Reduction of Charles Town was effected, by the Vast superiority of Force with which it had been besieged,

The loss of that Garrison as it consisted of the Continental Troops of Virginia and the Carolina's and of a number of Militia, Facilitated the Enemy's march into the country and their Establishment of strong post in the upper and interior parts of it,— And the unfavourable issue of the Action near Cambden Induced them Vainly to imagine that no other Army cou'd be collected, which they might not easily defeat.

The Militia commanded by the Brigadiers Sumpter and Marion, whose enterprising spirit and unremitted perseverance under many difficulties, are deserving of Great applause, harrassed and offten defeated large parties, but the number of those Militia were too few to contend effectually with the collected strength of the Enemy— Regardless therefore of the sacred ties of Honour, destitute of the Feelings of Humanity, and determined to extinguish if possible, every spark of freedom in this Country, They with the insolent Pride of Conquerors, gave unbounded scope to the Exercise of their Tyrannical dispositions, infringed their publick Engagements and Violated the

most solemn Capitulations,— Many of our Worthiest Citizens were without cause, long and closely confin'd—some on board of prison Ships, and others in Town and Castle of Saint Augustine, their properties disposed of, at the will and Caprice of the Enemy and their Families sent to a different and distant part of the Continent without the means of support— Many who had surrendered as prisoners of War, were kill'd in Cold Blood, several suffered Death in the most ignominious manner, and others were delivered up to Savages and put to Tortures under which they expired— Thus the lives, Liberties and properties of the people were dependent solely on the pleasure of British Officers who deprived them of either or all, on the most frivolous pretences,—Indians, Slaves, and desperate Banditti of the most profligate characters, were caressed and employed, by the Enemy to execute their infamous purposes— Devastation and Ruin marked their progress and that of their adherents, nor were their violences restrain'd by the charms or influence of Beauty and Innocence, Even the fair Sex, whom it is the duty of all, and the pleasure and pride of the Brave to protect,—they and their tender offispring, were Victims to the inveterate Malice of an unrelenting Foe,— Neither the Tears of Mothers, nor the Cries of Infants could excite in their Breasts, pity or Compassion, not only the peaceful Habitations of the Widow, the aged and infirm, but the Holy Temples of the most high, were consumed in flames kindled by their Sacrilegious hands; They have tarnished the Glory of the British Arms,—Disgraced the profession of a British soldier, and fixed indelible stigmas of rapine Cruelty, Perfidy and profaneness on the British name,— But I can now Congratulate you, and I do so most Cordially, on the pleasing change of affairs, which under the blessing of God, the Wisdom, Prudence, Address and Bravery of the Great and Gallant General Greene, and the intrepidity of the Officers and Men under his Command, have happily effected.— A General who is Justly intitled, from his many signal Services, to Honourable and Singular marks of your approbation and Gratitude.— His successes have been more rapid and compleat than the most sanguine could have expected, The enemy Compelled to Surrender or evacuate every post which they held in the Country, frequently defeated and driven from place to place, are obliged to seek refuge under the walls of Charles Town and on Islands in its Vicinity,—We have now the full and absolute possession of every other part of

the State and the Legislative,—executive, and Judicial powers are in the free exercise of their respective Authorities,—I also most heartily Congratulate you on the Glorious Victory obtained by the combined Forces of America and France over their Common Enemy,—When the very General who was second in Command at the Reduction of Charles Town and to whose boasted prowess and highly extolled abilities, the Conquest of no less than three States had been Arrogantly committed, was speedily compelled to accept of the same Mortifying terms which had been imposed on that brave, but unfortunate Garrison, to surrender an Army of many Thousand Regulars and to abandon his Wretched followers, whom he had Artfuly seduced from their Allegiance, by Specious promises of protection, which he cou'd never have hoped to fulfill, to the Justice or Mercy of their Country,—

On the Naval Superiority established by the illustrious ally of the United States,—A Superiority in itself so decided, and its its consequences so extensive as must Inevitably soon oblige the Enemy to Yield to us the only post which they occupy in this State,—On the reiterated proofs of the sincerest Friendship, and on the great support which America has received from that powerful Monarch, A monarch whose magnanimity is universally Acknowledged and admired, And on whose Royal word we may confidently rely for every necessary assistance,—On the perfect harmony which subsists between France and America,—On the Stability which her Independence has acquired, and on the Certainty that it is too deeply rooted ever to be shaken,—for animated as they are by National Honour & United by one Common Interest, it must and will be maintained,—

What may be the immediate Effects on the British Nation of the events which I have mentioned, of their loss of Territory in other parts of the world and of, their well founded apprehensions from the powers of France, Spain and Holland, it is impossible to foretell,—If Experience can teach wisdom to a haughty and infatuated People & if they now will be Govern'd by reason, they will have learnt that they can have no Solid Ground of hope to Conquer any State in the Union, for, tho' their Armies have obtained Temporary advantages over our Troops, Yet the Citizens of these states, firmly resolved, as they are, never to return to a Domination which near six years ago, they unanimously and Justly renounced, cannot be subdued, and they must now be convinced that it is the Height of

Folly and Madness to persist in so ruinous a War,— If However, we Judge, as we ought, of their future, by their past conduct, We may presume that they will not only endeavour to keep possession of our Capital, but make another attempt, howsoever improbable the Success of it may appear to subjugate this Country,— It is therefore highly incumbent on us to use our most Strenuous Efforts, to frustrate so fatal a design, And I earnestly conjure you, by the duty which you owe, and the Sacred Love which you bear, to your Country, by the constant rememberance of her bitter sufferings, and by the just detestation of British Government, which you & your posterity must ever possess, to exert your utmost Faculties For that purpose, by raising and equipping, with all possible expedition, a respectable, permanent Force, and by making ample provision for their Comfortable subsistance,— I am sensible the expence will be great, but a measure so indispensible to the preservation of our Freedom, is above every pecuniary Consideration,— The Organization of our Militia is likewise a Subject of infinite Importance,— A Clear and Concise Law, by which the burdens of service will be equally sustained, and a Competent Number of Men brought forth and kept in the field when their Assistance may be required, is Essential to our Security, and therefore justly claims your Immediate and Serious Attention,—

Certain it is that some of our Militia have upon several Occasions, exhibited Instances of Valour, which wou'd have reflected Honour on Veteran Troops,— The Courage and Conduct of the Generals whom I have mentioned, the Cool and determind Bravery repeatedly displayed by Brigadier Pickens, and indeed the behaviour of the many Officers and Men, in every Brigade, are unquestionable Testimonies of the Truth of this Assertion,— But such behaviour cannot be expected from Militia in General, without good Order and Strict discipline, nor can that order and discipline be established, but by a Salutary Law, Steadily executed.——

Another important matter for your deliberation, is the conduct of such of our Citizens as Voluntarily avowing their allegiance, and even glorying in their professions of Loyalty and attachment to his Britannick Majesty, have offered their Congratulations on the Success of his Arms, prayed to be embodied as Royal Militia accepted Commissions in his Service, or endeavoured to Subvert our Constitution, & re-establish his power in its' stead,

—Of those who have return'd to this State in defiance of a Law, by which such Return was declared to be a Capital Offence, and have abetted the British Interest, and of such whose behaviour has been so reprehensible that Justice and Policy forbid their free readmission to the rights and Privileges of Citizens,——— The Extraordinary Lenity of this State has been remarkably conspicuous,— other States have thought it just and expedient to Appropriate the property of British Subjects to the publick use: But we have forbore to take even the Profits of the Estates Of our most implacable Enemies, it is with you to determine, whether the forfeiture and appropriation of their Property should now take place,— If such should be your determination, tho' many of our firmest Friends have been reduced, for their inflexible Attachment to the Cause of their Country, from Opulence to inconceivable Distress, and if the Enemy's Will and power had prevailed, would have been doomed to Indigence and Beggary, Yet, it will redound to the reputation of this State, to provide a becoming support, for the families of those whom you may deprive of their Property,——

The Value of Paper Currency, became of late so much depreciated, that it was requisite, under the Powers Vested in the Executive, during the recess of the General Assembly, to suspend the Laws, by which it was made a Tender;—— You will now Consider whether it may not be proper to repeal those Laws, and fix some equitable mode for the discharge of debts Contracted whilst paper Money was in Circulation,—

In the present Scarcity of Specie, it would be difficult if not impracticable to levy a Tax to any Considerable amount, towards sinking the Publick Debt, nor will the Creditors of the State expect that such a Tax Shou'd at this time be imposed; but, it is just and reasonable that all unsettled demands should be liquidated, And satisfactory assurances of payment given to the publick Creditors—

The Interest and Honour, the safety and Happiness of our Country depend so much on the Result of your Deliberations, That I flatter myself you will proceed in the Weighty Business before you with firmness and Temper, with Vigour, Unanimity and Dispatch,—

J: Rutledge—
January 18th, 1782—

His Excellencys Speech being read,—A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an answer thereto,

Ordered,—

That Doctr. Ramsay, Mr Izard, Mr. Hutson, Mr Ed. Rutledge, & Mr Beresford, be a Commitee for that purpose

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning 10, o'Clock

Saturday the 19th. January 1782.

The House met according to adjournment,

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings.

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that Doctr. James Richmond, return'd to serve as a Member for Saxegotha District, attended at the door, and desired to know whether it was their pleasure he should be called in and asked if he intended to qualify,

Ordered.

That he be called in, and on being call'd in & asked by Mr Speaker, if he was ready to qualify as a Member of this House, He answered in the Affirmative

Mr Burke, was desired to administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and allegiance,—

Mr. Burke reported, that he had Administred the Oaths to Doctr. Richmond, who took his seat accordingly,—

The Bill for repealing An Act which makes Paper Currency or Bills of Credit a Legal Tender was read a Second time, agreeable to the order of Yesterday.—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate and that Doctr Ramsey, and Mr Beresford do carry the same.

Doctr. Ramsay from the Committee appointed to draw up a Sketch of such business as may be necessary to be taken into the Consideration of the House, during this Session, inform'd the House that they were ready to Report, he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks table, where it was again read, and after being debated Paragraph by Paragraph was agreed to and is as follows vizt.—

Report that in their opinion, the following Bills ought to brought in,—

1. A Bill for filling up the Continental Battalions of this State

2. A Bill for amending the Militia Law,

3. A Bill for settling the Qualifications of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly,—

4. A Bill for Vesting extraordinary powers in the executive during the recess of the House, for the better security of the State,

5. A Bill for opening the Courts of Oyer and Terminer,

6. A Bill for the revival of the Acts, that have expired, or that will expire with this Session.—

7. A Bill for Stopping suits for debt, untill the next meeting of the General Assembly,—

8. A Bill to suspend the operation of the Limitation act. And Committees appointed to bring in such Bills as are hereby recommended,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Jury Bill, and that the Committee be instructed not to insert in the Jury List, the names of any persons who were excluded by the Writs of Election from Voting for, or being Elected as Members of the Senate or House of Representatives, The following Gentlemen were accordingly appointed on that Committee vizt.

M^{r}. Ed: Rutledge

M^{r}. Ferguson M^{r}. Burke.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Committee be appointed to receive the names of such Persons as are proper to be Nominated Justices of the Peace, Ordinaries, and Coroners, for the Several Districts in this State,

Ordered that, M^{r}. Burke.

Mr Stevens & Mr Chas Dupont

be a Committee for that purpose, and that a Message be sent to the Honble the Senate, informing them, that this House had appointed a Committee to receive the names of such persons, as are proper to be nominated, Justices, Ordinaries, and Coroners for the Several Districts in this State and requesting that their House wou'd also nominate a Committee to join our Committee for the purposes above mentioned,

The following Message was accordingly prepared and signed by M^{r}. Speaker,

In the House of Representatives Jan^{ry}. 19. 1782.

Honorable Gentlemen This House having appointed a Committee to receive the names of Persons, proper to be nominated

Justices of the Peace, Ordinaries, and Coroners for the several Districts in this State, request that your House will be pleas'd also to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of our House for the purposes above mentioned,—— Our Committee are Mr. Burke, Mr. Stevens & Mr. Charles Dupont.

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge
Speaker

Ordered,

That Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Flagg do wait on the Honble the Senate, with the foregoing Message,—

Doctr. Ramsay reported to the House that Mr. Beresford and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill which they had in Charge,——

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House that, Mr. John Ward, return'd a Member for St: Bartholomews Parish, attended at the Door, and asked whether he shou'd be called in,—

Ordered that he be called in, And on being asked by Mr. Speaker if he was ready to qualify,

He answered in the Affirmative,

Mr. Burke was desired to Administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance,— Mr. Burke reported that he Administred the Oaths to Mr. Ward, who took his Seat accordingly.

Mr. Gibbes.

Reported that Mr. Flagg and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message which they had in Charge & that that House had been pleased to return for Answer that they wou,d appoint a Committee to Join the Committee of this House for the several purposes mentioned in the Message,— And then the House adjourn'd till Monday next 10, o'Clock

Monday January 21st. 1782.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Saturdays proceedings.

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that several Members for different Districts attended at the Door, and desir'd to know whether it was their pleasure they should be called in and asked if they intended to qualify,—

Ordered that they be called in, and on being asked by Mr Speaker, if they were ready to Qualify as members of this House,—

They Answered in the Affirmative.

Mr. Burke was desired to Administer to them the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance,—Mr. Burke reported that he had Administred the Oaths to Messrs. James Moore, John E. Calhoun, Arthur Simkins, Hugh Middleton and John Murray for the District of Ninety Six, also Benjamin Walker for the Parish of Saint Stephens, and John Sandford Dart for Christ Church parish,

They took their seats accordingly—

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that several Members for different Districts attended at the door, and desir'd to know whether it was their pleasure they should be call'd in and asked if they intended to qualify, Order'd that they be call'd in & being call'd in and asked by Mr Speaker if they were ready to qualify as Members of this House, they answered in ye affirmative,— Mr. Burke was desired to administer to them the Oaths of qualification and Allegiance,— Mr. Burke reported that he had administred the Oaths to Colo John Laurens for the Parish of Saint Philip and Saint Michael Charles Town, also Collo. William Hill, Josh. McKinny, John McCaw, William and Joseph Howe, John Patton and John Forgee for the District call'd the New Acquasition,— And they took their seats accordingly.

A Motion was made and seconded, that a committee be appointed to consider of a proper Vote of Thanks and further acknowledgments to be made to the Honble Major Genl. Greene for his distinguished services in this state,—

Ordered that,— Colo. John Laurens
Mr. Ed: Rutledge Doctr Ramsay
Mr. Richd. Hutson & Mr. Beresford, be of the Committee,—

A Motion was made and seconded that some more Members be added to the Committee for bringing in a Bill for filling up the Continental Battalions of this State,—

Ordered, that Mr. James Moore, Colo. John Laurens, Mr. Joseph Howe & Mr. John Ewen Calhoun be added to that Committee

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill for repealing the Laws which make paper Currency or Bills of Credit, a legal Tender &ca. which Bill had been read twice in that House,—

Ordered, That the Bill entitled a Bill for repealing the Laws which make paper Currency or Bills of Credit, a legal tender &ca. be Read a third time immediately, and on reading the same the Amendments which were made in the Enacting clause by the Senate were struck out, and the Bill being put to apassing by Mr. Speaker,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass & that the Title thereof be An Act,—

Ordered that the Act be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence and that Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Thomas Waring do carry the same,

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words,— In the Senate 19th January 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen, This House have appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of your House to receive the Names of Persons proper to be nominated Justices of the Peace, Ordinaries and Coroners for the Several Districts in this State, our Committee are Genl. Marion, Colo, Horry & Colo. Henderson,—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais
President.

Mr. Gibbes reported that Mr. Waring and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill which they had in charge, entitled an act for repealing the Laws which make paper Currency or Bills of Credit a Legal Tender,

And the House then Adjourned till tomorrow 10 'oClock

Tuesday the 22d.

The House Met According to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays Proceedings,

Mr. Gibbes from the Committee appointed, to bring in a Bill for vesting extraordinary Powers in the Executive, during the recess of the General Assembly, for the better Security of this State,—

Reported.

That they had prepared a Bill for the above purposes, if the House woud be pleas'd to receive it, He accordingly read the Title of the Bill, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table,—

Ordered,

That the Bill be read afirst time

The Bill entitled A Bill for the better defence and security of this State during the recess of the General Assembly being read a first time,—

Ordered.—

That the Bill be read a Second time tomorrow.

Doct^r. Ramsey for the Committee appointed to prepare an answer to his Excellency the Governors Speech at the Opening of this Session,

Reported, That they had prepared an answer if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read it in his place and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read for information, and afterwards being read for debate, paragraph by paragraph was agreed to, and is as follows Viz^t.

We the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, in General Assembly met, return your Excellency our most cordial thanks for your very interesting speech to both Houses at the opening of this Session, the Language of which evidently bespeaks a Heart glowing with ardent Zeal for the Interest and welfare of our Common Country,

We want words to express our heart felt exultation on the pleasing reverse in our affairs; on this spot, but a few Months past, A Military despotism prevailed, and tyranny with lawless violence was Desolating our fair possessions, but we now with extacy behold a free Government reestablished. Liberty that greatest of Temporal Blessings restored, and every Citizen Secured in the possession of his property by the firm barrier of the Law of his Country, This Auspicious change is in a very great degree owing to the prudence, firmness and good conduct of your Excellency,—

If any thing can add to the sublime and refined enjoyment which must arise from your Excellency's own reflections on your presevering Unabated, and Sucessfull exertions towards rescuing your Country from the Iron hand of Oppression, be pleased Sir, to accept the most sincere and unfeigned thanks of your grateful fellow Citizens.—

The Black Catalogue which your Excellency has given of British Barbarities, form but a small part of the whole: when ever the Historic Page shall be stained with their Story, it will exhibit a Nation devoid of faith, with whom Oaths, Treaties and

the most Solemn compacts were considered as trifles; who without Scruple or remorse had abandoned all regard to humanity, honour, justice and every ennobling sentiment of the human breast. It is hardly possible to conceive any circumstances that woud aggravate the attrocious Wickedness of their Conduct, there is not left a Step in the degradation of National Character to which they can now descend, The name of a Briton must hence forward be a Term of reproach among all Nations,—

We shou'd betray a great degree of insensibility and be wanting in Justice to his merit shou'd we omit this occasion of acknowledging with the Warmest gratitude our Obligations to the Great the Gallant General Greene, His atchievements in this State while they rank him with the greatest Commanders of Antient or Modern date, will engrave his Name in indelible Characters on the Heart of every Friend to this Country, Our acknowledgments are also due to all the Brave Officers and Men under his Command who have so Often fought, bled and Conquered for us.—

The Generals, Sumpter, Marion and Pickens with the Brave Militia under their Commands,—Those Virtuous Citizens who did not despair of the Common Wealth in her greatest extremity, are deserving of the highest commendation,—

The friendly, seasonable and effectual aid recently afforded us by our great and Illustrious ally, by means of which the General, on whom the British nation seem'd most to have placed their dependence has been compelled to surrender the flower of the British Army, to our immortal Commander in Chief, must greatly encrease the flame of Gratitude, which had been before kindled in the breast of every American, and which it will not be in the Power of time or accident to extinguish,—

We perfectly concur in Sentiments with your Excellency that from our connection with this powerful and wise Monarch we may expect with well grounded confidence, that our Independence will be shortly established upon an immoveable basis, nor need we harbour a single fear of its dissolution, an Union which Originated from such liberal and generous motives and which is founded on mutual interest, that best Cement of Nations, must and will Continue.

Whether the Series of Losses, Disasters and Defeats of the Year past will at length recover Britain from her Delirium Time only can disclose, but as Misfortune hitherto instead of producing

reflection and prudence, has operated to encrease her insanity, We agree in Opinion with your Excellency that it is probable she will not only endeavour to keep possession of our Capital but make another attempt to subjugate the Country, We shall therefore immediately enter upon the prosecution of the measures recommended by your Excellency as necessary for its safety, And being fully sensible how much depends upon the result of our deliberations, we will endeavour to proceed in the weighty business with firmness and Temper, with Vigour, Unanimity and Dispatch,—

Ordered, That it be fairly engross'd and that Mr. Speaker do sign the Same,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill entitled an Act, for repealing the Laws which make Paper Currency or Bills of Credit a Legal Tender, which had been read a third time in that House and passed,—

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed,

A Motion was made and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to consider what Estates in this Country are proper subjects of Confiscation and Sequestration, and to what purposes the Profits Arising from them may be best applied,—

Ordered that.— Colo John Laurens
Mr. Edwd. Rutledge Mr. Owen
Mr. Richd. Hutson Mr. Kean
Mr. Jno. Ewen Calhoun & Mr. Parkinson,
be a Committee for that purpose,— And then the house adjournd till to morrow morng 10, o'Clock

Wednesday 23rd.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings—

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that several Members for different Districts attended at the door, and desir'd to know whether it was their pleasure, they should be call'd in and asked if they intended to qualify—

Ordered that they be called in,— And on being call'd in and asked by Mr. Speaker if they were ready to qualify as Members of this House,— They answered in the affirmative

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to them the Oaths of Qualification and allegiance,—

Mr. Burke, reported that he had administred the same to Mr. Thomas Mitchell for the parish of Prince George, Winyaw, Mr. William Allston Junr. for the parish of all Saints and Mr. John Mc.Pherson for the parish of Prince William.—

And they took their Seats accordingly—

The Bill for the better Security and defence of this State during the recess of the General Assembly, was read a Second time,

Ordered, that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate and that Mr. Gibbes and Col. Wilkinson do carry the same,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Message be sent to his Excellency the Governor acquainting him that this House had prepar'd an address in answer to his Excellencys Speech delivered to the General Assembly at the Opening of this session, desiring to know when he would be pleased to receive the same.—

Ordered that Mr. Richard Hutson and Captn. Shubrick do wait on his Excellency with the Message,—

Mr. Hutson reported to the House that Capt. Shubrick and himself had delivered the Message that they had in Charge and that his Excellency was pleased to return for answer, that the House shou'd hear from him

Mr. Speaker informed the House that Major Hyrne attended at the door, and desired to know whether he shoud be called in and asked if he intended to qualify,—

Ordered that he be called in, On being call'd in & asked by Mr. Speaker, if he was ready to qualify as a Member of this House for the Parish of Saint Bartholomew, he answer'd in the Affirme:

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to him the Oaths of qualification and allegiance,— Mr. Burke reported that he had Administred the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance to Major Hyrne, and he took his Seat accordingly,—

Colo, Laurens from the Com'ee appointed to Consider what Estates in this Country are proper Subjects of Confiscation and sequestration and to what purpose the profits arising from them may be best applied, inform'd the House that the Committee had a partial report to make, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read it in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table where it was again read for information, being then read for debate & it being recommended by the Report that a

Member from each Parish and District shou'd be added to the Committee,—

Resolved that the report he re-committed and the following Gentlemen were nominated vizt

John Sandf^{d}. Dart	Capt. Thomas Mitchell	M^{r}. Leitner
M^{r}. Frierson	M^{r}. Willm. Allston	Capt Wyld
M^{r}. Thos. Waring	Maj^{r} John James	Col^{o}. Henderson
M^{r}. Geo: Flagg	Col^{o} Stafford	Col Jos. Kirkland
M^{r}. Shubrick	Doct^{r} Gillet	M^{r} W^{m}. Middeton
Col^{o}. Wilkinson	M^{r}. John Palmer J^{r}.	Maj^{r} Tristram Thomas
Major Hyrne	M^{r}. Bradley	Capt. Felder &
Mr Henry Hughes	Col^{o} Beard—	Joseph Howe

And then the house adjourn'd till to morrow morn^{g} 10, o'Clock

Thursday the 24th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings.

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House that several Gentlemen returned as Members for different Districts attended at the Door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure, they shoud be called in and asked if they intended to qualify—

Ordered that they be called in,—and on being called in and asked by M^{r}. Speaker if they were ready to qualify as Members of this House,— They answered in the affirmative,—

M^{r}. Richard Hutson was desird to administer to them the oaths of Qualification and allegiance.— M^{r}. Hutson reported that he had administred the same, to M^{r}. David Leech, & Col^{o}, John Moffett for the district called the New Acquesition, and M^{r}. Ed: Lasey M^{r}. John Odare & M^{r}. Charles Miles for the District between Broad & Catawba rivers, and they took their seats as members of this House,—

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House, that M^{r}. John Mathews return'd as a Member for the Parish of Saint George Dorchester attended at the door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure, he shou'd be called in and asked whether he intended to qualify,—

Ordered that he be called in,— and on being call'd in and asked by Mr Speaker if he was ready to qualify as a Member of this House, He answered in the affirmative,

Mr. Burke was desired to Administer to him the Oaths of qualification and allegiance, Mr. Burke reported that he had Administred the same to Mr. Mathews, and he took his Seat accordingly,—

A Motion was made and seconded that the Thanks of this House be given to the Honorable John Mathews Esqr. for his Services as a delegate from this State in Congress,—

Resolved Nem. Contradi: That the thanks of this House be given to the Honble John Mathews Esquire, for his unwearied attention to his Duty in Congress, and the many important services he has render'd this State, and that Mr. Speaker do deliver to him such thanks from the Chair, which he accordingly did,—

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House that Colo. Kershaw returned as a Member for the District Eastward of the Wateree River attended at the door, and desired to know if he shou'd be called in and asked if he intended to qualify as a Member of this House.

Ordered that he be called in, And on being call'd in and asked by Mr Speaker if he was ready to qualify as a Member of this House.——He answered in the Affirmative,—

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to him the Oaths of qualification and allegiance, Mr. Burke reported that he had administred the same, and Colo. Kershaw took his seat accordingly

Mr. Burke from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for holding Circuit Courts of Oyer & Terminer, Reported that the Committee had prepared such Bill, if the House would be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the Title of the Bill in his place and delivered it in at the Clerk's table where it was read a first time,—

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time

A Message from his Excellency the Governor acquainting this House, that he was ready to receive them with their address—

The House accordingly waited on his Excellency, and Mr. Speaker presented him the Address of this House, in answer to his Excellencys Speech delivered to the General Assembly at the opening of this Session,—

The House being return'd Mr. Speaker reported that the House had waited on his Excellency the Governor and presented their Address, to which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer,—vizt

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen.—

I heartily thank you for this very affectionate address.— tho' I am truly sensible that your partiality has far over rated my services, yet I cannot but regard the approbation of my Country, as an invaluable and the most acceptable reward,—

Your proceeding on publick business, in the manner which you have expressed cannot fail to give the greatest satisfaction, and I am persuaded that the State will derive many real advantages, and Substantial benefits, from the Wisdom of your Councils,

January 24th. 1782.— J. Rutledge—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morng. 10, o'Clock

Friday the 25th.

The House met according to adjournment.—

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that Mr. Philemon Waters, return'd as a Member for the Lower District between Broad and Saluda rivers, Colo Wade Hampton for the District of Saxegotha, and Mr. Richard Gough for the Parish of Saint Johns, Berkley County, attended at the door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure they shou'd be call'd in, and asked whether they intended to qualify,—

Ordered that they be called in, and on being called in and Severally asked by Mr. Speaker if they were ready to qualify as Members of this House,— They answered in the Affirmative.

Mr. Hutson and Mr. Burke were desired to Administer to them the Oaths of Qualification and Allegance; Mr. Hutson and Mr. Burke reported that they had administred the Oaths to those Gentlemen, And they took their seats accordingly,—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, in the following words vizt.—

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen,—

A Majority of the Senate and House of Representatives having qualified, I request you will proceed to the Election of a Governor in my stead, the Spirit of the Constitution requiring that another shou'd be now chosen,—

January 25th. 1782— J. Rutledge

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Senate on the following Subjects vizt.—

1st. Whether the present Legislature shall expire, and a new Election for a General Assembly be had on the last Monday in November next, and the day following, or whether it shall Continue for two years from the time it was elected,—

Also what state officers shall be now appointed and for how long a time.—

The Questions being severally put by M^{r}. Speaker were carried in the Affirmative.—

Ordered that,

M^{r}. Mathews
Col^{o}. Laurens M^{r}. Ed, Rutledge
Col^{o} Grimke & M^{r}. John E. Calhoun, be a Committee.—

Ordered, that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honorable the Senate for the above purposes, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared, agreed to by the House, and Sign'd by M^{r}. Speaker,

In the House of Representatives
January 25th. 1782

Honble Gentlemen.—

This House having appointed a Committee to consider the following subjects vizt. Whether the present Legislature shall expire and a new Election for a General Assembly be had on the last Monday in November next, and the day following, or whether it shall continue for two years, from the time it was Elected, also what State officers shall be now appointed and for how long a time, request that your House will be pleased to appoint a Committee to join our Committee in free conference, on the subjects above mentioned, our Committee are M^{r}. Mathews, Mr Edward Rutledge, Col^{o}. Laurens, Col^{o}. Grimke & M^{r}. John Ewen Calhoun

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge
Speaker,

Ordered, That M^{r}. Edward Rutledge and M^{r}. Kean do wait on the Senate with the foregoing Message,

Mr. Edward Rutledge, Reported that Mr. Kean and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in charge.—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill for the better Defence and Security of this State, during the recess of the General Assembly, which had been read twice in that House,

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt. In the Senate 25th January 1782.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen,—

This House have appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of your House, in free Conference on the Subjects mentioned in your Message of today,— Our Committee are General Marion, Mr. Bee, Mr. Dupont, Mr. Berwick & Colo, Watson

John Lewis Gervais President

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning 10, o'Clock

Saturday the 26.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings—

On Motion it was,

Ordered that the speech of his Excellency the Governor to the General Assembly and the Address of this House in answer thereto, and his Excellency's answer to the address be forthwith printed in the Gazzette,—

Colo. Laurens from the Committee appointed to Consider what Estates in this Country are proper subjects of Confiscation and sequestration, and to what purposes the profits arising from them may be best applied, informed the House that the Committee were ready to report, if the House would be pleased to receive it. He accordingly read the Report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks table, where it was again read for information—

Ordered that the consideration of the foregoing Report be postponed untill Monday next.

Mr. Burke from the Committee appointed to receive the Names of such persons as are proper to be nominated Justices of the Peace, Ordinaries and Coroners for the several districts in this State inform'd the House, that the committee were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and it being suggested to

the House on reading the list of Persons to be nominated Justices of the peace, that several names had been omitted,—

Ordered that the said report be recommitted and a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate to request that they woud be pleased to direct the Committee of their House, again to meet the Committe of this House for the purpose of adding more names to the List of Justices &ca. the following Message was accordingly prepared and agreed to by the House, and sign'd by Mr Speaker vizt.

In the house of Representatives
January 26th. 1782

Honble Gentlemen,—

This House have thought proper to recommit the Report of the Committee appointed to receive the names of Proper persons to be nominated Justices of the peace, Ordinaries and Coroners, for the Several Districts in this State, for the purpose of adding more Names of Persons to the List of Justices of the peace of which this House think it necessary to inform your House, that the Committee appointed by your House may again meet our Committee for the above mentioned purposes—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Burke & Mr R. Hutson do wait on the Senate with the above Message,

A Petition, of Sundry Inhabitants of Saint Mathews Parish, against the late Election was presented to the House and Read,

Ordered, that the above petition be refer'd to the Committee on Priveleges and Elections,—

Mr. Burke, Reported that Mr. Hutson and himself had diliver'd to the Senate, the Message they had in charge,—

Mr. Mathews, from the Committee appointed to Confer with the Committee of the Senate, on the Several matters mention'd in the Message of Yesterday, from this House to the Senate, inform'd the House, that the Committee were ready to Report, if the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive it, He according read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks table, where it was again read, and is as follows vizt,

Report,—That they have confer'd with a committee of the Senate, on the several matters referr'd to them, and have unanimously agreed on the following points vizt,—

That the present Members of the Senate, and house of Representatives, ought not to hold their seats longer than the last Monday in November next.

That the Governor, Lieu^{t} Governor, Members of the Privy Council and other officers pointed out by the Constitution to be elected at the first Meeting of the General Assembly ought not at this time to be Elected to serve longer than untill a new appointment can be made by the next senate and House of Representatives,

That an Election for Eight privy Councellors shou'd now be made, to serve as is above mentioned,—

That Tuesday next the Twenty ninth of Instant be appointed for the Election of all such Officers, as are directed by the Constitution to be made on the first meeting of the General Assembly,

Resolv'd, that this House do agree to the foregoing Report,

Ordered that a Message be prepar'd to be sent to the Hon'ble the Senate, on the several Matters above Specified and that M^{r}. Speaker do Sign the same, Accordingly the following Message was prepar'd vizt

In the House of Representatives Jan^{ry}. 26. 1782

Honble Gentlemen,—

This House having Considered and agreed to the report of their Committee appointed to join a Committee of your House in free Conference on the several matters mentioned in the Message of this House of Yesterday to your House, think it necessary to send your Honours the report as agreed to and request your Concurrence thereto.—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered That M^{r}. Mitchell and M^{r}. Allston do wait on the Senate with the foregoing Message,—

M^{r}. Mitchell reported, that M^{r}. Allston and himself had delivered to the Honble the Senate, the Message they had in Charge,

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House, that Col^{o}. James Postell returned as a Member for the Parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Michael, attended at the door, and desir'd to know if it was their pleasure he should be called in, and asked if he intended to qualify,—

Ordered that he be call'd in,— And on being call'd in and asked by M^{r}. Speaker, if he intended to qualify, He answered in the affirmative, Having been likewise returned for the Parish of Prince Frederick, he made his Election for the former,

'Ordered that Mr. Richard Hutson do administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance.—

Mr, Hutson, reported that he had Administred the same to Colo. James Postell, and he took his seat accordingly

And then the House adjournd till to morrow morning 10, oClock

Sunday the 27th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings—

Doctr. Ramsey, from the Committee to bring in a Militia Law, inform'd the House, that the Committee were ready to report if the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive it, he accordingly read the Title of the Bill, intitled a Bill for the Regulation of the Militia of this State in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks table where it was read a first time,—

Ordered that the Bill be read a Second time to morrow,—

Colo. Laurens from the Committee appointed to Consider of a Proper Vote of Thanks to General Greene, and what further acknowledgements should be made him for his distinguished Services to this State, inform'd the House that the Committee were ready to report, if the House would be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read it in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.— Your Committee recommend that the following resolves be entered into by the House,

1st Resolved that the House of Representatives impressed with a Sense of the illustrious services rendered to this State by Majr. General Greene, particularly in his rapid recovery of its Territory, and in Circumscribing the Enemy within their present narrow limits,— Anxious, at the same time to give their Testimony of the Superior Genius displayed in his General system of Operations, and his enlightened spirit of enterprise in the field, Unanimously Vote him their thanks in the name of the People,—

2d. Resolved, That as a proof of these Sentiments and an invitation to this excellent Citizen to reside in the Bosom of a Country to which he is so dear, leave be given to bring in a Bill for Vesting him with a fee simple Estate of the Value of Ten Thousand Guineas,—

A Motion was made and seconded, that the report be immediately taken into Consideration,—

The Question being put.—

Ordered, that the Report, be taken into imediate Consideration and being debated paragraph by paragraph was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, Nem. Con.

That the Thanks of this House as recommended in the Report of the Committee and agreed to by this House, be transmitted to the Honorable Major General Greene, by Mr. Speaker,

A Motion was made and seconded that the Committee appointed to Consider of a Proper Vote of Thanks to Genl. Greene &ca. be directed to bring in a Bill empowering the executive Authority to purchase in Trust for the Honorable Major General Greene, a real Estate to the value of Ten Thousand Guineas, and to pledge the publick Faith for making good the Same,—

Ordered that the said Committee do bring in a Bill for the purposes above mentioned,—

The Bill entitled a Bill for holding the Circuit Courts, of Oyer and Terminer in the several Districts of this State and for making out a New Jury list was Ordered to be read a Second time,— On reading the first enacting Clause of the Bill, A Motion was made and seconded that the Circuit Courts be held at four stated times in the Year, A Debate thereupon arose, and—

The Question being put. the House divided

For the motion 42 against it 45.

It passed in the Negative—

The first Clause being then read.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the following proviso vizt. "provided also nevertheless that it shall and may be "lawful to and for the Governor or Commander in Chief for the "Time being by and with the advice & consent of the privy "Council to appoint any other place or places in the said Districts "respectively for holding the said Courts" be added thereto,

The Question being put. 'twas carried in the Affirmate

The Proviso was then made part of the Bill,—

The Second and third Clauses being read and the questions put were agreed to.—

A motion was made and seconded that between the third and fourth Clause of the Bill the following one be inserted vizt. "And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all "and every Person and Persons who shall be drawn to serve as "Jurors at any of the Courts above mentioned shall on default be

"subject and liable to all the pains and penalties imposed on "Jurors by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this "State."— no debate arising thereupon.—

The Question was put & it was carried in the affirmative, and the clause was inserted accordingly.—

The Fifth clause of the Bill being Read, and

The Question put was agreed to.—

On Reading the sixth clause of the Bill,—

A Motion was made and seconded "That the whole clause be erased."— No debate arising thereupon

The Question was put, and it was carried in the affirmative, the whole Clause was accordingly struck out

The last Clause being then read thro & the Question put, it was agreed to,—

The whole Bill being read thro' and the Question put.

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate,

And then the House adjourn'd til to morrow morn^{g}. 10, o'Clock

Monday the 28th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings.—

M^{r}. Kean from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for settling the qualification of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly, inform'd the House that the Committee had prepar'd a Bill agreeable to the order of the House, if the House woud be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read the Title of the Bill in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was read the first time,—

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time.

The Report of the Committee to consider what Estates in this Country are proper subjects of Confiscations and sequestrations and to what purpose the profits arising from them shall be best applied, was taken into Consideration, agreeable to the Order of Saturday last, and being debated paragraph by paragraph was agreed to except that Clause in which the Committee requested to be discharg'd, which on Motion made and Seconded and the,— Question put, was struck out.

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk returning the report of the Committee respecting the duration of the present Legislature, and fixing the day of the choice of a Governor, Lieu-

tenant Governor, and other state officers,— the resolution of this House,— with the Concurrence of the Senate on those Subjects,

The second reading of the Militia Bill which had been Ordered to be read to day was postponed,

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morn^{g}, 10, ^{o}'Clock

Tuesday the 29th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House, that M^{r}. Thomas Heyward Senr. returned as a Member for the parish of Saint Helena attended at the door, desir'd to know if it was their pleasure he shou'd be called in and asked whether he intended to qualify—

Ordered that he be called in,— and on being called in and asked by M^{r}. Speaker if he intended to qualify,—

He declined Serving——

Genl. Gadsden came into the House, and desired leave of the House, to resign the Office of Lieutenant Governor of this State, and informed the House at the same time, that he would also wait on the Honble the Senate for the same purpose if, the House would be pleased to accept of his resignation.—

Resolved that, this House do Accept of the resignation of the Honble Christopher Gadsden Esqr. as Lieutenant Governor of this State,—

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House that General Gadsden return'd as a Member for the Parish of Prince George Winyaw, attended at the door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure he should be called in, and asked if he intended to qualify,—

Ordered that he be called in— And on being called in and asked by M^{r}. Speaker,

He answered in the affirmative

M^{r}. Richard Hutson was desired to administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance, M^{r}. Hutson reported that he had administred the said Oaths to General Gadsden,— And he took his seat accordingly—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor accompanied with sundry Letters and papers, from the President of Congress, His Excellency General Washington and the Financier of the United States which were read for the information of the House,—

A Motion was made and seconded that the Message of his Excellency the Governor and the several Letters and papers accompanying the same, be referr'd to a Committee.

Ordered that,— The Honorable Mr. John Mathews Doctr. Ramsay & Colo. Laurens be a Committee for that purpose,

Mr. Edward Rutledge, from the Committees appointed to bring in a Bill to revive such Laws as have expired since the sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present session, and also a Bill to suspend, the operation of the Limitation Act. inform'd the House that the Committees had prepared such Bills, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive them, He accordingly read the Titles of the said Bills, in his place and delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the said Bills were Severaly read a first time.—

Ordered that, the said Bills be read a second time.

A Motion was made and seconded that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate, requesting their attendance in this House in order to proceed to the Election of a Governor and other State Officers agreeable to the Order of the day.—

A message being accordingly sent, the Senate attended in this House, and voted with this House for a Governor, On casting up the Ballots it appeared that a Majority of Votes of the Members present were in favour of the Honorable Christopher Gadsden Esqr. Mr. Speaker thereupon declared Mr. Gadsden the Governor Elect,

Whereupon Mr. Gadsden urged many Cogent reasons to the House for declining that important trust, to which the Legislature had been pleased to Elect him, and therefore requested they wou'd indulge him in declining to accept of that Office,—

A motion was made and Seconded, that Mr. Gadsden be permitted to decline accepting the Office of Governor of this State,

The Question, being put,—

Resolved in the Affirmative,—

A Message was sent to the Senate acquainting them, that Mr. Gadsden declined accepting the Office of Governor to which he had been Elected, and that this House had granted his request, this House therefore desired their attendance in order to proceed to another Election of a Governor.—

The Senate accordingly attended in the House, and Voted with this House for a Governor.,— On casting up the Ballots it appeared that a Majority of the Votes of the Members present

were in favour of the Honorable John Mathews Esquire, Mr. Speaker thereupon declared Mr. Mathews the Governor elect— Mr. Mathews desired the House wou'd indulge him in declining to accept of the Office of Governor to which the General Assembly had done him the Honor to elect him, whereupon, A Motion was made and Seconded that this House will not give Mr. Mathews leave to decline that Office,—

The Question being put,—

The House were unanimously against accepting Mr. Mathews's declination,— Mr. Mathews then retired from the House

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Message be sent to the Honble the Senate requesting their attendance in this House in order to proceed to the Election of a Lieutenant Governor,—

A Message was accordingly sent,— The Senate attended in this House, and voted with this House for a Lieutenant Governor,— On casting up the Ballots it appeared that the Honble Richard Hutson Esquire had a Majority of Votes of the Members present in his favour,— Mr. Speaker thereupon declared the Honorable Richard Hutson Esquire to be duly Elected Lieut. Governor of this State,— Mr. Hutson being present declared to the House his intention of accepting the Office of Lieutenant Governor to which he had been chosen,— and retired.—

A Message was then sent to the Senate requesting their attendance in this House to make an Election of Eight privy Counsellors,— The Senate accordingly attended and voted with this House for privy Counsellors,— On casting up the Ballots it appeared, That the Honorable Edward Rutledge, General Sumpter, Colo. Wilkinson, Samuel Smith, Peter Bocquet, Richd. Beresford, and John Lloy'd, had a Majority of the Votes of the Members present, but a great many of the Members having retired from the House whilst the Ballots were casting up, and there not being a House present when the Ballots were all drawn,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House
till to Morrow Morning 10, o'Clock

Wednesday the 30th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read, the Journals of yesterdays proceedings

Mr. Speaker, then declared, That upon Casting up the Ballots of Yesterday for Members of the Privy Council it appeared,—

That the Honble Edward Rutledge, General Sumpter Col°. Wilkinson, Samuel Smith, Peter Bocquet, Rich^d. Beresford, and John Lloy'd had a Majority of Votes of the Members present, and that they were duly elected,—

A Debate arose on the Ninth clause of the Constitution, whether any person who had served as Lieutenant Governor of this State for two years was elegeble in the Privy Council immediately thereafter.—

The Question being put by Mr Speaker,

Resolved in the Affirmative,—

A message was sent to the Senate requesting their attendance in this House to elect one more Privy Counsellor seven only having been elected,— The Senate accordingly attended and voted with this House for one more Privy Counsellor upon casting up the Ballots it appeared that the Honorable Christopher Gadsden had the Majority of Votes of the Members present, M^r. Speaker thereupon declared Mr Gadsden duly elected to that Office,

A message was sent to the Senate requesting their attendance in this House to elect Sheriffs for the several Districts in this State,—

A motion was then made and seconded for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Fees of Sheriffs to the former standard,

The Question being put, by M^r. Speaker.

It was carried in affirmative.

Ordered that M^r. Gibbes and M^r. Ferguson be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that purpose.—

The Senate came into this House, and Voted with this House for Sheriffs, upon casting up the Ballots it appeared that M^r. Daniel Stevens had a Majority of Votes as Sheriff of Charles Town District, M^r. William Ross for Beaufort District,— M^r. William Robinson for Orangeburgh District,— Col°. John Thomas Junr for Ninety Six district M^r. Alexander Moore for Camden District, M^r. Jacob William Harvey for George Town District,— and M^r. John Wilson for Cheraws District M^r. Speaker thereupon declared the several Gentlemen above named duly elected sheriffs for the Districts above mentioned respectively.—

The Bill entitled a Bill to revive such Laws as have expired since the sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present Session,— and the Bill to suspend the Operation of the Limitation Act were severaly read a second time

The Questions being Severaly put by Mr. Speaker whether the said Bills shou'd be sent to the Senate,—

They were carried in the Affirmative

Ordered that the said Bills be sent to the Senate,

And then the House
Adjourned till to
morrow morng. 10. oC.k

Thursday the 31st.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

A motion was made and Seconded, that five Delegates be elected to represent this State in Congress,— a Debate arose thereon, and—

Another motion was made and seconded that Seven Delegates be elected to represent this State in Congress,—

The Question being put, whether seven delegates shou'd be elected,— It passed in the Negative,—

The Question was then put on the first Motion for the choice of five Delegates,— It was carried in the affirmative,

A Motion was made and seconded that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate, requesting that they woud appoint a Committee of their House, to join the Committee from this House, to wait on Mr. Mathews the Governor elect, to desire to know, when he wou'd be pleased to attend in this House to take the Oaths of qualification and allegiance, agreeable to the Constitution,—

Ordered that,— Colo. John Laurens and Mr. Edward Rutledge be a Committee for that purpose,—

Colo: Laurens, Reported to the House, that Mr. Edward Rutledge and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in Charge, and that they with the Committee from that House had accordingly waited on the Governor Elect, to desire to know when he woud be pleased to attend in this House to qualify as Governor,— The Governor return'd for answer that he woud attend immediately,—

A Message was sent to the Senate requesting their attendance in this House, to see the Governor elect take the Oaths of Qualification allegiance, and of Office agreeable to the Constitution,—

The Senate accordingly attended and a Committee from the Senate and this House, Introduced the Governor elect into this House, Mr. Speaker then administred to him the Oaths of Qual-

ification allegiance and of Office, His Excellency the Governor then retired,—The Senate still remaining in the House, The Honorable Richard Hutson Lieutenant Governor Elect, was introduced into this House, Mr. Speaker then administred to him the Oaths of Qualification allegiance and of office,— The Senate being still present, Mr. Speaker Administred, the Oaths of qualification, Allegiance and of Office, to the following Gentlemen, who were elected Members of the Privy Council vizt. Mr Edward Rutledge, Colo Morton Wilkinson, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Peter Bocquet, Mr. John Lloy'd & General Gadsden

Mr. Speaker informd the House, that General Sumpter then present, and who had been Elected a member of the Privy Council requested that he might be permitted to decline his acceptance of that Office—

Resolved that General Sumpter have leave to decline that Office, and that another member of the privy Council be chosen in his stead.

A message was sent to the senate requesting their attendance in this House to elect Five Delegates to represent this State in Congress,—

The Senate accordingly attended and Voted with this House, for five Delegates to represent this State in Congress,

Upon casting up the Ballots, it appeared that the following Gentlemen had a Majority of the Votes of the Members present vizt.— John Rutledge, David Ramsay, Ralph Izard, John Lewis Gervais, and Arthur Middleton Esquires,— Mr. Speaker thereupon declared the Several Gentlemen above named duly elected as Delegates to Represent this State in Congress.—

A motion was made and Seconded that a Message be sent to the Senate, to request that they wou'd appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House, who were appointed to bring in a Bill for filling up the Continental Battalions of this State,—

A Verbal Message was accordingly sent by Mr. Edwd. Rutledge and Mr. Calhoun. for the above purposes,—

Mr. Edward Rutledge reported that Mr. Calhoun and himself had waited on the Senate with the Message they had in charge,— The Senate return'd for answer that they wou'd appoint a Committee for the purposes above mentioned

A motion was made and Seconded, that the Delegates to represent this State in Congress, be allowed at the rate of Six Hundred pounds Sterling per Annum,—

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker,

Resolved. That the Delegates to represent this State in Congress, shall each of them be allowed at the rate of Six Hundred pounds Sterling per annum,—

Ordered that, a Message together with the above Resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate desiring their Concurrence thereto, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,

A Message was accordingly prepared and is as follows,—

In the House of Representatives Janry 31st, 1782

Honble Gentlemen.

This House having resolved to allow to each of the Delegates representing this State in Congress at the rate of Six Hundred Pounds Sterling per annum, have sent you the resolution for that purpose and request your Concurrence thereto.

By Order of the House.

Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that do wait on the Honble the Senate with the above resolution and Message

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee be appointed to devise ways and Means, for raising a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Delegates of this State in Congress, agreeable to the above resolution,—

Ordered that,

Genl. Gadsden,

Mr. Ferguson & Mr. Dart, be a Committee for that purpose,—

Mr. Burke from the Committee appointed to receve the names of such persons as are proper to be nominated Justices of the Peace, Ordinaries, and Coroners &ca.—

Reported that the Committee had received the names of Persons proper to be elected Ordinaries of the several Districts in this State if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly delivered in the List at the Table,

A Motion was made and seconded,— That a Message be sent to the senate requesting their attendance in this House to make choice of a Privy Counsellor in the room of General Sumpter who declined serving,

A message was accordingly sent,—The Senate attended and Voted with this House for a privy Counsellor in the room of General Sumpter— upon casting up the Ballots it appeared that Benjamin Guerard Esqr. had a Majority of the Votes of the Mem-

bers present, Mr Speaker thereupon declared Mr. Guerard duly elected a Member of the privy Counsil,—

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow morng. 10, o'Clock

Friday February the 1st.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings.—

The Bill for the better defence and Security of this State, during the recess, of the General Assembly, was read a third time, in this House,—

A motion was made and Seconded, that the following Proviso, which was an amendment made by the Senate vizt.
"Provided that not more than one third part of the Militia be "drawn forth into actual service, except the Militia of those "Regiments belonging to the parts imediately invaded or within "Eighty miles of the same" be struck out.—

A Debate arising thereupon, and

The Question being put.

It passed in the Negative—

A Motion was then made and Seconded for limiting the number of the militia to be drawn out into actual Service, to Two thirds,

A Debate arose thereupon, and—

The Question being put.

It passed in the Negative,

Another Motion was then made and seconded for limiting the number to one half,—

A Debate arising thereupon, and—

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative

The Bill being read thro', and the question put by Mr. Speaker on every clause seperately was agreed to.

Resolved that the Bill do pass and that the Title thereof be an Act.

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Senate for their concurrence, and that Mr. William Scott Junr. and Mr. Flagg do carry the Same,—

The Bill for settling the qualification of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly was read a second time in this House,— On reading the Second enacting Clause of the Bill,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that an amendment be made in the latter part of the Clause by inserting the following Words vizt. "and who have continued and shall continue to co-"operate in defence of this State"

The Question being put—

It was carried in the Affirmative

And those words were accordingly inserted,—

On reading the fourth Clause of the Bill—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the whole clause be Struck out,—

A Debate arising thereupon—

The Question was put,

And carried in the affirmative

On Reading the last clause of the Bill,—

A Motion was made and seconded, That the whole Clause be struck out,

A Debate arising thereon the question was put by M^{r}. Speaker

It was carried in the affirmative.

A Motion was made and Seconded, to amend the Bill by inserting the following Clause vizt "And be it further enacted by "the authority aforesaid, That every person to whom the Bene-"fits of this Act are meant to be extended, and who shall offer "to give his Vote at the Election of Members of the Legislature "shall previous to his Voting produce to the returning Officer a "Certificate in writing under the hand of the Brigadier of Militia "to which he shall belong of his having actually performed the "duty required of him by the Proclamations herein before "recited,"—

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative.

The Clause was accordingly made part of the Bill,

The Bill being read thro', and the question put,—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that M^{r}. William Scott Junr. and M^{r}. Flagg do carry the same,

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Committee be appointed to devise ways and means for recruiting a Legionary Corps under the Command of Col^{o}. Wade Hampton,—

Ordered that M^{r}. Rapley, Doct^{r} Ramsey and Col^{o}. Grimke be a Committee for that purpose,—

A Motion was made and seconded that a Committee be appointed to devise Ways and Means for Supplying the Army

with Sappers and Miners, Artificers, Pioneers, Waggoners and Servants to the Officers,

Ordered that,— Col°. Henderson, Col° John Laurens and Col° Grimke be be a Committee for that purpose,—

A Message from the Senate, by their Clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate January 31st, 1782.

M^r. Speaker & Gentlemen.

The Committee appointed by this House, to Join a Committee of your House, in free Conference to Consider of ways and means to fill up the Continental Battalions of this State are General Marion, Col°. Harden, Col° Horry, Col° Watson & M^r. Berwick.—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais
President

And then the House Adjournd till to morrow Morning 10, °'Clock

Saturday February 2^d.

The House met according to adjournment,

Read the Journals of Yesterdays Proceedings.

The Bill for the regulation of the Militia of this State was— Ordered to be Read a second time, On Reading the first Clause of the Bill,

A Motion was made and seconded, that the Bill be recommitted,

A Debate arising thereupon.

The Question was put,

It passed in the negative—

The first and second clauses of the Bill being read, &

The Questions thereon severally put were agreed to,

On Reading the third article, in the third enacting Clause of the Bill, for regulating the Militia,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the following amendment, be made vizt. "but if an action shall happen during his "absence from Camp, if an officer he shall be Cashierd and "turn'd into the Ranks; if a Private, he shall be put, into one of "the Continental regiments of this State, for twelve months,"

The question being put

It was carried in the Affirmative.

On Reading the fourth article—

A motion was made and seconded, that the whole of it be Struck out, and the following one inserted vizt. "any non Com-"mission'd Officer or private who shall be found guilty of plun-"dering or taking the property of the Inhabitants of this State "Contrary to orders, shall serve in one of the Continental Regi-"ments for any time, not exceeding twelve months, as to the "Court Martial shall seem fit."

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded, that the following Clause be inserted, immediately after the preceding one vizt. "If a Com-"mission'd Officer shall be found Guilty of the Crimes last above "mentioned, he shall be Cashierd & turned into one of the Con-"tinental Regiments of this State as a private, in which he shall "be obliged to serve for one Year."

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative.

On Reading the Eight Article,

A motion was made and seconded, that the following amendment be made thereto vizt. "If an Officer he shall be Cashierd, "reduced to the Ranks, and pay a fine of Twenty Dollars, if a "Non Commission'd Officer or private he shall be Confined in the "Provost, for three days and nights, and fined five Dollars."—

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative.

On Reading the Ninth Article.—

A motion was made and seconded, that the whole of it be Struck out,

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative,—

It was accordingly Struck out.—

On Reading the Eleventh Article,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the whole of it be Struck out,

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered on Motion that a Clause be brought in on the third reading of the Bill for settling the pay of the Militia, and a Clause for the Sumary trial of persons who shall be taken in the Militia Camp, suspected of being Spies.

The whole Bill being read thro', and

The Question put—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honourable the Senate, and that Mr. William Scott Junr. and Mr. Dart do carry the same,

Mr Scott reported that Mr Dart and himself had delivered to the Senate, the Several Bills they had in Charge.—

A message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate February 1782

Mr. Speaker & Gentn.

This House request the Concurrence of your House to amend the "Bill for the better Defence and Security of this "State, during the Recess of the General Assembly" by inserting "the amended clause, between the fourth and fifth enacting "clause of said Bill.—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais.—
President

The Clause proposed to be inserted in the Bill is as follows vizt.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall be and he is hereby authorized and required (when ever it shall appear to him with the advice and consent of the privy Council necessary so to do) to issue Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, to such of the Judges of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, as he shall think proper for the speedy trial of Criminal offenders in such Districts as he may direct (altho' the offence was committed in some other District) And that the proceedings on the said Commission shall be as nearly similar as may be to the proceedings of the Court of assize directed or which may be directed by any act or acts of the Genl. assembly,

The Question being put, when the foregoing Message should be taken into Consideration.—

Resolved that it be taken into Consideration immediately; the Message being again read, and the Clause proposed,—

A Debate arose thereupon, the Clause being read three times, and

The Question put.—

Resolved, That the Clause be made a part of the Bill, and that a Message be sent to the Senate informing them, that this House have agreed to the clause proposed by that House, And desire they will be pleased to insert the same in the Bill, entitled an Act for the better Defence and Security of this State, during the Recess of the General Assembly, and that Mr. Speaker do Sign the Same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives
February 2d, 1782

Honourable Gentlemen — this House having consider'd your Message of this day, with the clause accompanying it, which Your House request may be inserted in "the Bill for the Better "defence and Security of this State during the recess of the Gen-"eral Assembly" and agreed to the clause as proposed by your Honors, return the said clause to your House and desire your Honors will be pleased to insert it in the Bill Entitled An Act for the Better Defence and Security of this State during the recess of the General Assembly—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge, Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Scott and Mr. Dart do wait on the Senate with the foregoing Message

Mr. Scott Reported, that Mr. Dart and himself had delivered to the Senate, the Message they had in Charge,

Doctr Ramsay, from the Committee to Devise ways and means for recruiting the Corps of Cavalry under the command of Colo. Wade Hampton, inform'd the House that the Committee, were ready to report, if the House woud be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks table,—

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration to morrow,—

The House then adjourn'd,
till to morrow morning 10, °Clock—

Sunday the 3d.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings—

Mr. Speaker, informed the House, that Mr. John Pearson returned as a member for the District between Broad and

Catawba Rivers, attended at the Door, and desir'd to know if it was their pleasure he shou'd be call'd in, and asked if he intended to qualify,— Mr Pearson being call'd in and asked by Mr. Speaker if he was ready to qualify,

He answered in the Affirmative

Mr. John Ewen Calhoun was desir'd to administer to him the Oaths of Qualification and Allegiance—

Mr. Calhoun Reported, that he had administred the Oaths to Mr. Pearson agreeable to Order,—

And he took his Seat accordingly,—

The Report of the Committee to Devise Ways & Means for recruiting the Corps of Cavalry under the Command of Colo Wade Hampton,— was read agreeable to the Order of Yesterday and is as follows vizt.

The Comittee to Devise Ways and Means for recruiting the Corps of Cavalry under Command of Colo Hampton.

Report,

That instead of four Troops of Cavalry as directed by the Executive, they recommend that the Corps he reduced to two Troops of Cavalry, and two Troops of Infantry, each Troop and Company to Contain the same number of officers, Non Commissioned officers and Privates, as those in the Continental Leginary Corps,

That Colo Hampton be directed to recruit a sufficient Number of men, for the War, or three Years, to compleat the Corps agreeable to the above Arrangement, and that he may be able to do so,— Your Committee recommend, that he be furnished with one Hundred negroes; It is the opinion of your Committee, that the Men so inlisted shou'd receive the same pay and other emoluments as are or may be allowed to Continental Soldiers raised by this State, for the same time of Service.

The first Clause of the Report was then read for Debate, and there being no opposition.—

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative.

On Reading the Second Clause of the Report—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that after the words "Negroes" at the end of the Clause, the same be amended "by the words following viz:, "as soon as he produces in the Field, two "Hundred Men fit for Service," after some debate on the clause and the proposed amendment.—

The Question being put, first on the Amendment was agreed to, and then on the clause as amended,—

It was carried in the affirmative.

The third and last clause, being read, no debate arising thereupon,

The Question being put.—

It was carried in the affirmative—

The Question was then put on the whole report as amended,

It was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved that this House do agree to the report of the Committee as amended,—

Ordered that it be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepared for that purpose and that Mr. Speaker do sign the Same,—

A Message was accordingly prepared, & is as follows, vizt,

In the House of Representatives
February 3d. 1782—

Honourable Gentlemen.—

This House herewith send you a report from a Committee appointed by this House, to devise Ways and Means for filling up Colo Hamptons Corps, with the Resolution of this House thereupon, to which this House desire your Concurrence,

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge.
Speaker

Ordered that Doctr Ramsey, and Mr. Milner do wait on the Senate, with the foregoing report, Resolution & Message.

Doctr. Ramsay reported that Mr. Milner and himself had deliver'd to the Senate the Message they had in Charge,—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor with Extracts of two letters from Major General Greene, the Subject matters of which were, the want of Meal and other Provisions for the Army,—On considering the Message and Extracts of Letters,—

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Privy Council, do take Order immediately upon all matters that relate to the supply and Subsistance of the army,

Ordered that the above Resolution be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

A Message was accordingly prepared, and is as follows vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feb^{ry} 3^{d}, 1782—

Honourable Gentlemen

This House herewith send you a resolution empowering his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the privy Council to take Order immediately upon all matters relative to the Supply and Subsistance of the army to which this House desire your Concurrence.—

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge.
Speaker.

Ordered that Doct^{r}. Ramsay and M^{r}. Milner, do wait on the Honble the Senate with the foregoing resolution & Message,

Doct^{r}. Ramsay reported that M^{r}. Milner and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message and resolution which they had in charge,

Col^{o}. Henderson from the Committee appointed to Consider of Ways and Means for filling up the Continent^{l}. Battalions to be raised by this State inform'd the House that they were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the Same in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt

The Committee appointed to Consider of, and devise Ways and means for filling up the two Continental Battalions, ordered by Congress to be raised in this State beg leave to, Report—

That in their Opinion the measure of Voluntary Enlistments shoul'd first be adopted and experimented for the term of two months from the passing of this Bill, and that the Men be enlisted for three Years or the War,—

That those who engage for the War shall receive at the Commencement of every year that their service is required one Negroe, and that such as enlist for three years, shall receive one Negroe at the Commencement of each of the two first Years of their Service, and an other at the expiration of the third Year of their Engagement,

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Militia shall be directed by the Brigadiers immediately to divide their Men by Companies into Classes of Eight each in order to ascertain the Number each Regiment must afford should a draught be found necessary; and that the Supernumeraries of each Company not amounting to a Class,

shall be added together and divided into Classes and draughted if it shall be found necessary by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment according to the proportion above directed,—

That if the returning Officers on the Recruiting service shall report the Inefficacy of Voluntary Enlistments to Compleat the Continental Battalions that the Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Militia be ordered by the Commanding Officers of Brigades, to proceed immediately to draught one Man out of each of the classes in his Regiment, to Serve for three years or the War; Provided nevertheless, that if a Man belonging to any of the classes shou'd have Voluntarily engaged himself in the service, or that any class should have previously engaged a man not belonging to any other Class to Serve for three Years or the War, that, that Class shall be exempted from any draught,

5th.—That the Negroes alotted to this important purpose be advanced to the age of Between Ten and forty Years, And that all such Persons as are draughted shall receive the same Bounty as those who Voluntarily enlist, and that they shall be allowed, the Same pay, Cloathing and Rations, as are usualy granted to the Continent[1] Troops,—

6th.—The Committee impressed with a most refined sense of the memorable and distinguished services which the militia officers have rendered to their Country, and Convinced that they are still possessed of an Animated Zeal, alively attachment and a most ardent desire to advance the Interests and Security of the Common Wealth, beg leave to recommend that the Field Officers be appointed as Commissioners for the recruiting Service, by whose activity, influence and spirited exertions, the attainment of this most desireable object will be facilitated,— Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Negroes shou'd be delivered to the Commanding officers of Brigades in each District, who are to divide them amongst the Commanding officers of Regiments, agreeable to the proportion of their Classes,— And that the Commanding officers be directed to call their Regiments together, to promulgate this Law to them, and That they shall themselves either act, or appoint such Officers as shall appear adapted to this Service, to recruit such Men as shall be willing to enter into the Service, and to deliver them to those Officers, and at such Rendezvous to be appointed in each district as shall be determined on by the Continental commanding officer of this State,—

7th—That if it should be found necessary to draught the Classes that the Commanding officers of Regiments, or the

Officers appointed by them to recruit shall deliver the Negroes allotted for this purpose to such men as shall be draughted and that they shall Produce such draughted Men to those officers and at such Rendezvous as shall be appointed by the Continental commanding officer of this State, within ten days, after the draughts have taken place,—

8th. That the Governor be requested to order a Guard to march the Negroes forthwith to such places as may appear most convenient in the Districts of the respective Brigades for the distribution and delivery of them, to the Commanding officers of Regiments,

9th—That if a Commanding officer of a Regiment should be so base as to revolt from the duty which he owes to his Country, and neglect or refuse to give the necessary orders for Classing and draughting his men, The Commanding officer of the Brigade shall himself cause such classing and Draughting to be made immediately, and that he shall arrest such Officer and order him to be tried by a Court Martial, who if found Guilty shall be Cashier'd and sentenced to pay the sum of Dollars.—

10th. That if the Commanding officer of a company shou'd be guilty of the above said neglect, or contempt of orders, the Field officer of the Regiment shall proceed in the same way as is directed in the above clause in similar Circumstances, and if found guilty shall be Cashierd and Sentenced to pay the sum of Dollars.

That if any class shall apprehend a soldier enlisted for the War, who shall have deserted from any of the Continental Battalions raised in this State, that Class shall be exempted from a draught excepting such Classes as shall be found concealing deserters; Provided that no Solder be considered as a deserter who made his escape from Confinement within the Enemies Lines, untill the expiration of two Months after the passing of this Bill.—

Your Committee beg leave to Conclude with recommending that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Members of the Privy Council, Judges of the Courts and Delegates to Congress be alone exempted from the operation of this Law,—

Ordered that the report be taken into Consideration to Morrow, and that in the mean time, it lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members,

And then the House
Adjourned till to morrow morng, 10, o'Clock.

Monday the 4th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings.—

Mr. Ferguson from the Committee on privileges and Elections informed the House, that the Committee were ready to report on the Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants of Saint Mathews Parish, against the late Election, which was referred to them, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt

The Committee on Privileges and Elections to whom was referr'd the Memorial above mentioned, Report,

That they have enquired into the Allegations set forth in the said Memorial, and are of opinion they are not well grounded, & that the Election was conducted agreeable to the Instructions given to the returning officers, they therefore recommend that the Memorial be dismissed,

Ordered that the report be taken into immediate Consideration,

The Report, being read for debate.

Resolved that the Report be agreed to.—

Ordered, that the Memorial be dismissed,

The Report of the Committee appointed to Consider of and Devise, Ways and Means for filling up the two Continental Battalions to be raised by this State, order'd to be Considered to day, was read for debate.—

The first Clause being read,— and,

The Question put—

It was carried in the Affirmative—

The Second Clause being read,— and—

The Question put,

It was carried in the affirmative

On Reading the third Clause,

A motion was made and Seconded, that the whole of it be Struck out, after Some debate thereupon—

The Question was put,

It was carried in the affirmative

The whole Clause was accordingly Struck out.

On Reading the fourth Clause,

A Motion was made, and seconded, that it be struck out, after some debate,

The Question was put,—

It was carried in the affirmative, & the clause was Struck out.

The Fifth Clause being read, the words "as are draughted "shall receive the same Bounty as those," were ordered to be struck out,—

The third & fourth Clauses of the Report not being agreed to.

The Question being put, the remainder of the clause

Was carried in the affirmative,

The Sixth Clause being read,— and

The Question being put,

It was carried in the affirmative the words "agreeable to "the proportion of their classes" being previously erased as superfluous,

On Reading the Seventh clause,—

A Motion was made & Seconded, that the whole of it be Struck out,

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative and Struck out accordingly,—

The Eight Clause being read,— and—

The Question put,

It was carried in the affirmative.

The Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh clauses being severally read &— The Question put on them respectively, were orderd to be Struck out.—

The Report being gone thro'—

A motion was made and Seconded, That the same be amended by adding the following Clause vizt.—

"That a Bounty of one negroe be given to all and every "person or persons who shall procure twenty five recruits to "enlist agreeable to the following report, which recruits shall be "approved of by such Continental officer as shall be appointed "to receive them, Provided such Enlistments be made within six "Weeks after the passing of an act for filling up the two Con-"tinental Battalions of this state,"—

The Question being put.—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that the Clause be made part of the Report.

The Question being put on the whole Report as it had been amended,—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered, That a Message with a Copy of the Report as agreed to by this House, be sent to the Honble, the senate and that Mr. Speaker do Sign the same.

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives—
February 4th. 1782—

Honorable Gentlemen,—

This House herewith send you a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by this House to consider of and Devise, Ways, and means for filling up the two Continental Battalions of this State, as the same has been amended and agreed to by this House,

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge.
Speaker

Ordered—

That Mr. Dart and Mr. Raply do wait on the Honorable the Senate with the foregoing Message and Report,

A Message from the Senate, by their Clerk, with the Resolution of this House of the 31st. Ulto. respecting the allowance to be made to the delegates, and a Subsequent one of the 3d. instant, empowering his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Privy Council to take order immediately upon all matters relative to the Supply and Subsistence of the Army, to each of which Resolutions their Honours had given their Concurrence,—

Ordered that a Copy of the last Resolution be sent to his Excellency the Governor,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk returning the Bill entitled "An Act for the better security and defence of this State, "during the Recess of the General Assembly" which had been read a third time in that House and agreed to,—

Ordered that the said Bill be immediately engrossed,

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the following Bills vizt. "A Bill to suspend the operation of the "Limitation act" A Bill to revive and continue such Laws as have expired since the sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present session, And A Bill to settling the Qualification of the Electors and Elected, in the next General Assembly, which Bills had been severally read twice in that House,

Ordered That the said Bills be read a third time immediately,—

The Bill entitled a Bill to Suspend the operation of the Limitation act, was read a third time, and the Bill being put to a passing.—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the title thereof be an Act.—

Ordered that the Act be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence, and that Mr. Rapley and Colo. Richardson do carry the same.

The Bill entitled "A Bill to revive and continue such Laws as have expired since the Sitting of the last General assembly or will expire with the present session, was read a third time, and the Bill being put to a passing.

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title, be an Act.—

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honorable the senate for their Concurrence, and that Mr. Rapley and Colo. Richardson do carry the same,—

The first and Second Clauses of the Bill, entitled a Bill for settling the qualification of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly being read, were agreed to, and on reading the third Clause,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the same be amended by adding the following Words, at the end of the Clause vizt, "Or furnishing two Substitutes in one of the Continental Regi-"ments of this State, to serve during the War,"—

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative the amendment was accordingly made,

On Reading the fourth Clause,

A Motion was made and Seconded, that between the words "the" and "Brigadier" the following words be inserted vizt "Com-"manding officer of the Regiment and Countersigned by the"

The Question being put,

It was carried in the affirmative and those words were inserted,—

A motion was then made and seconded, that an amendment be made at the end of the said Clause by adding the following words viz, "or furnished two Substitutes in one of the Continen-"tal Regiments of this State, to serve during the war,"

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative.

The following clause, was added by the Senate, Viz^{t}.

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that "every Person, to whom the Benefits of this act are meant to be "extended, and who shall be elected a Member of the Legislature "shall before he is admitted to a seat therein take an Oath in the "House of which he is returned a Member, that he is duly quali-"fied according to this act, to be chosen a Member thereof,"—

The Clause being read three times, and

The Question put,—

It was carried in the Affirmative,

The whole of the Bill being read thro'— and the Bill put to a Passing,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be An Act,—

Ordered that the act be sent, to the Honorable the senate for their Concurrence,—And that M^{r}. Rapley and Colonel Richardson do carry the Same,—

M^{r}. Rapley reported that Col^{o}. Richardson and himself had delivered, to the Senate, the Several Bills they had in charge,—

M^{r}. Edward Rutledge from the Committee appointed to empower the Executive of this State to purchase an Estate of the Value of Ten thousand Guineas in Trust and for the use of the Honorable Major General Greene,—

Reported that the Committee had prepared the Bill, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it,— He accordingly read the Title of the Bill in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where the Bill was read a first time.

Ordered that the Bill be read a Secon'd time—

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House, that M^{r}. William Robinson declared duly elected Sheriff of Orangebourgh District declined accepting that appointment, and desired another person might be elected in his stead,—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning 9 ô'Clock

Tuesday the 5th.

The House met according to adjournment—

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings,—

The Bill entitled a Bill to empower Thomas Ferguson Morton Wilkinson and John Ward Esquires to purchase An Estate of the Value of Ten Thousand Guineas in Trust and for the use of the Honorable Major General Greene, was read a second time,— time,—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Senate, and that Mr. Rapley and Colo. Richardson, do carry the same,

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that Capt. Edward Blake, return'd a Member for Saint Georges parish, Capt. Jacob Reid for the Parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Michael, and Mr. John Rutledge for the parish of Saint Andrew, attended at the door, and desired to know if it was the pleasure of the House they should be call'd in and asked if they intended to qualify, they were accordingly called in, and being asked by Mr. Speaker if they were ready to qualify,—

They answered in the affirmative,—

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to them; the Oaths of qualification and allegiance,— Mr Burke reported that he had administred to Captains Blake and Reid & Mr. John Rutledge the oaths of qualification and Allegiance, agreeable to the Constitution,— And they took their Seats accordingly.—

Mr. Rapley reported that Colo. Richardson and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill they had in Charge,

Ordered, That Colo Laurens's Motion for collecting Two thousand five Hundred Negroes forthwith from the Confiscatd. Estates,— Embodying and Organizing them under white Officers be taken into Consideration agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, after some debate thereupon,—

The Question being put.—

It passed in the Negative.—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the following acts Vizt. An Act for settling the qualification of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly, An Act to revive and Continue such Laws as have expired since the sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present session, and an act to suspend the Operation of the Limitation Act, which had been Severally read a third time in that House and passed,

Ordered that the said acts be forthwith engrossed,—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, in the following words vizt.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen,— I must request that you would appoint a Committee of your House to Confer with me on a matter of Considerable importance

John Mathews

February 5th. 1782

Ordered that Mr. John Rutledge, Colo. Laurens and Col Grimke be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor agreeable to the said Message,—

Mr. John Rutledge from the Committee appointed to Confer with his Excellency the Governor, in Consequence of his Message of this day,— Reported

That they had Conferr'd with his Excellency the Governor, according to the Order of the House,— who informed them of General Greenes rect. of a Letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the 31st. December last, acquainting him that an embarkation had taken place at New York Consisting of three British Regiments, and a Detachment of Hessians, suppos'd to be destin'd for this State, under convoy of two ships of the Line, and three or four Frigates; that some Frigates had arrived off the Bar, —that if those Troops shou'd arrive it might be necessary for him to change his position,— he therefore thought proper to acquaint the House therewith, that they might quicken their Deliberations,—

And then the House Adjourned
till to morrow Morning 9. °Clock.

Wednesday the 6th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

Colo. Henderson from the Committee to devise Ways and Means for raising a Corps of Sappers &ca. &ca. informd the House that the Committee were ready to report if the House would be pleased to receive the same. He accordingly read the report in his place and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows Vizt.

The Committee appointed to devise Ways and Means for raising a Corps of Sappers & Miners, Artificers, Pioneers Waggoners, and Officers servants, to be annex'd to General Greene's Army.— Report—

1st. That such negroes as shall be found belonging to Confiscated or Sequestrated Estates, and are fit for a Corps of Artificers Vizt. Shoe Makers, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, Armourers, Taylors, Wheelwrights be immediately Collected and formed into a Corps, to the Number of One Hundred,—

2d. That those negroes who shall be found most useful and expert be immediately collected from the said Estates, and employed as Waggoners, to the number of Two hundred & fifty—

3d. That a Corps of Pioneers, Consisting of the number of One hundred and fifty able bodied Men, be formed from the Estates aforesaid,—

4th That a corps of Sappers and Miners of four Hundred able bodied Men be drawn from the said Estates.—

5th That three Hundred Servants be also drawn from the Estates aforesaid, to Supply the place of Waiters to the Officers, which are at present drawn from the Line.—

6th. The Committee further recommend, that in Case the Estates of such persons as are Considered Enemies to this State, and have property in Negroes, in the same, or shou'd prove insufficient to the purpose, shou'd not be Confiscated or Sequestred, that then the Governor and Council be empowered to Order draughts to be made from the Estates of such Inhabitants throughout the Country, who can most effectually supply the Number necessary for the said Corps.—

7th The Committee also recommend, that all the Negroes taken for the above Service, be previously valued and appraised by three freeholders, that such Slaves as are draughted from the Estates of the Friends of this Country, and who may be killed, Maimed, or lost, in this Service, shall be accounted for, and the faith of this Country pledged for the paymt. thereof.

8th. That none of these Corps be Marched or Conducted out of the State but with the Consent and approbation of the Governor and Council,

Ordered that the above Report be immediately taken into Consideration,—

The first clause of the Report being read, and no debate arising thereupon,

The question was put,— and

It was carried in the affirmative

The second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh clauses being severally read, and

The Questions respectively put.

They were agreed to.—

On Reading the Eight Clause.—

A motion was made and seconded, that the whole of the clause be struck out,—

A Debate arising thereupon,— and

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative the Clause was accordingly Struck out.

The Report being gone thro', and,—

The Question put whether the same shou'd be agreed to,— It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that a Bill be brought in, agreeable to the said Report, and that Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Reid be added to the above mentioned Committee.—

Ordered that Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Thomas Waring do Compare the following engrossed Bills vizt; An act to suspend the operation of the Limitation act; An Act to revive & Continue such Laws as have expired since the Sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present session, An Act for settling the qualification of the Electors and Elected in the next General Assembly,— An Act for the better security and defence of this State, during the recess of the General Assembly, An Act for repealing the Laws, which makes Paper Currency or Bills of Credit, a legal tender, with a Committee from the Senate,—

Mr. Gibbes reported that Mr. Waring and himself had Compared the engrossed Bills, with a Committee from the senate, and found them right,—

Mr. Burke presented a Petition to the House from many of the Field and other officers of the upper and lower Granville and Colleton County Regiments,—

Ordered that the above Petition be referred to a Committee of the following Gentlemen Vizt.

Colo Laurens

Mr. Kean	Mr. Burke
Mr. Jno. Ewg. Calhoun &	Capt James Moore (96)

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following Words vizt,—

In the Senate February 6. 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen,

This house having taken under Consideration, the resolve of your House, upon the Report of your Committee "to devise "Ways and Means for filling up Lieutenant Colo Hamptons "Corps" the same was agreed to,

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais Presidt.

A motion was made and Seconded that a Message be sent to the Governor, to request he will be pleased to order Five Hundred Bushels Corn to be purchased for the Catawba Indians at the expence of the State,—

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor, be empowered to order the quantity of Five Hundred Bushels of Corn to be forthwith purchased for the use of the Catawba Indians at the expence of this State,

Ordered that the above Resolution be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, and that a Message be likewise sent therewith and sign'd by Mr. Speaker,

The following Message was prepared and sign'd by Mr. Speaker vizt.

In the House of Representatives
February 6th. 1782

Honorable Gentlemen,—

This House herewith send you a Resolution of this House, empowering his Excellency the Governor to order the quantity of Five Hundred Bushells of Corn, to be purchased forthwith for the use of the Catawba Indians, at the expence of this State,—

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Colo Kershaw, and Mr. Skirving do wait on the Senate with the above Resolution and Message—

Colo. Kershaw reported that Mr. Skirving and himself had delivered to the Senate, the above resolution and Message they had in Charge,—

This House went into the Senate House, and together with the Senate Ratified the following Acts vizt. An Act to suspend the operation of the Limitation act, an Act to revive and Continue such Laws as have expired since the sitting of the last General Assembly, or will expire with the present Session, An act for settling the qualification of the Electors and the Elected in the next General Assembly, An Act for the better Security and defense of this State during the recess of the General Assembly, An Act for repealing the Laws which make Paper Currency or Bills of Credit, a Legal Tender.

The House being returned,— Mr. Speaker reported that this House together with the Senate had ratified the Acts above mentioned,—

And then the House Adjourned
till to morrow Morning 9. o'Clock

Thursday February 7th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that Mr. Jacob Guerard return'd a Member for the parish of Saint Helena, and Mr. Edward Weyman return'd a Member for the Parish of Saint Thomas & Saint Dennis, attended at the door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure they should be called in and asked whether they intended to qualify, and on being called in and asked by Mr. Speaker, Mr. Guerard declined serving,—

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to Mr. Weyman, the Oaths of qualification and allegiance,—

Mr. Burke reported that he had administred the said Oaths to Mr. Weyman,—

And he took his Seat accordingly.—

Colo. Laurens from the Committee appointed to Consider What Estates in this Country are proper subjects of Confiscation & Sequestration &ca. presented agreeable to the order of the House a List of Persons whose Estates are proper subjects of Confiscation,—

Ordered that those Lists be taken into Consideration immediately,—

The names of Persons whose Estates are subjects of Confication being severally read and agreed to are as follows vizt.—

Thomas Phepoe	Alexander Wright	Robert Williams
John Rose	Robert Philp	John Wragg
John Hopton	Jacob Valk	John Smyth
Gideon Dupont Junr	Alexander Inglis	Charles Atkins
William Ancrum	Alexander Harvey	Aaron Loocock
Alexander Rose	Edmund Petrie	Archibald Brown
James Brisbane	Edward Fenwicke	Plowden Weston
Dr. Alexr. Gardin	James Clitherall	Paul Hamilton
Elias Ball (of Wambaw)	Bazil Cooper	George Ancrum
Gabriel Capers	Elias Ball (of Comingtee)	Brian Cape
John Gaillaird		Patrick Cunningham
Esta. of Richd. Pendarvis	Robert Cunningham	Charles Ogelvie
Sr. Patrick Houston	Theodore Gaillaird	Thomas Gibbens
William Blake	James Vernon	Esta. of George Snow
John Wigfall	Andrew Williamson	James Smyth
Hezekiah Williams	James Gordon (of G. Town)	John Cotton
Jno: Brockington Junr.		Christo. Nielie
Zachariah Gibbs	Richard King	Elias Buckingham
Esta. Mrs. Colleton	Lud: Williams	Thomas Boone
Samuel Chollett	Thomas Fletchall	Collin Campbell

George Saxby
Thorps Barony
Lt. Govr. Irvine
Esta. of Dr. Crockatt
Walter Mansell
Heirs of Hopkin Price
John Ward (Taylor)
James Carey
Jonathan Scott
Esta. of James Holmes
Robert Gray
Geo: John Fardo
Robert English
William Vallentine
Ld. Chas Graville Montague
Esta. of Robert Raper
Jno Fisher (of Orangebg: mer.
Benjn. Gregory
Esta. of Thos Adam.
James Cassells
Brice, Fisher Linwood & Co.
Esta. of Doctr. Gibbes
Roberts's Barony
Sr. James Wright
Peter Taylor
Greenwood & Higgison
William Greenwood
Christo. Fitzsimons
Christo. Williman
Dr. James Fraser
Robert Murrell
Hugh Brown
William Guest
Dr. Peter Spence
William Hannahan
David Friday
Esta. of Chas Maine
Esta. of Hen. Rugely
William Sabb
Esta. of John Stuart
&
Capt Ord (of the Navy)
Trench & Baily—
Robert Holmes
Esta. of Jerem Knott
Thos Fullalove
George Cook
Jeremiah Savage
James Boissaux
Andw Hibben
Doctr James Lynah
John Willard
Patrick Mucklemurray
Moses Kirkland
James Clark
Henry Oniel
George Ogilvie
Peter Simond
George Dawkins
Dr. Charles Fyfe
John Musgrove

A motion was made and seconded, that instead of Sequestring the Estates of Persons whose conduct are not considered Sufficiently criminal to merit Confiscation, the said Persons be amerced,

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that the Consideration thereof be postponed

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt,—

In the Senate the 7th. of February 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen,—

This House having taken the Report of our Committee, appointed to Join a Committee of your House in free Conference "to Consider of and devise Ways and Means for filling up the "Continental Battalions of this State" under Consideration, the Same was agreed to as amended by your House, except the proviso.— in the Opinion of this House the enlistments should be made within two Months after the passing of an Act for filling up the Continental battalions, instead of Six Weeks,—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais
Presidt.

Ordered that the foregoing Message be taken into Consideration immediately,

The Message having been taken into Consideration

Resolved, That this House do agree to the amendment as proposed by the Senate in the foregoing Message, That a Message be sent to them thereupon, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,— accordingly the following Message was prepared and sent vizt.—

In the House of Representatives Feby. 7th 1782.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,

This House having considered your Message of this Day, for extending the time mentioned in the proviso of the last clause of the Report of the Committee "to Consider of and devise ways "and Means, for filling up the Continental Battalions of this "State" to two Mo'ths instead of Six weeks: inform your Honours that this House do agree to the proposed amendment

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge,—
Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Mitchel and Mr. William Scott do wait on the Honble the Senate with the foregoing Message

Mr. Edward Rutledge from the Committee appointed to Consider what Estates in this Country, are proper subjects of Confiscation, who were ordered to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Report on that Subject, inform'd the House that he had prepared a Bill, if the House would be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the Title of the Bill in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where the Bill was read a first time.—

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that his Excellency the Governor be empowered to order a quantity of provisions to be purchased at the publick expense, and distributed amongst the Widows and Orphans of such persons as have been killed in the defence of this State, and also such persons as have been disabled in the said Service as may be deemed proper objects of relief

The Question being put,

It was carried in the affirmative

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be empowered to order a Sufficient quantity of provisions to be purchased at the publick expence, and distributed amongst the Widows and

Orphans of such persons as have been killed in the defence of this State, and also Such persons who have been disabled in the said Service, as may be deemed proper Objects of relief.

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence, and that a Message be likewise sent therewith and signed by Mr. Speaker.

In the House of Representatives
February 7th. 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate

This House herewith send you a resolution of this House, empowering his Excellency the Governor to order a Sufficient quantity of provisions to be purchased at the publick expence, and distributed amongst the widows and orphans of such persons as have been killed in the Defence of this State, and also such persons who have been disabled in the said Service, as may be deemed proper objects of Relief, to which this House desire your Concurrence, By Order of the House,—

Hugh Rutledge,
Speaker

Mr. Mitchell reported that Mr. Scott and himself delivered to the Senate the Message they had in charge,—

A Petition from General Barnwell, was presented to the House setting forth,— That at an Election held in the Parish of Saint Helena on the Twenty fourth and Twenty fifth days of December last, in pursuance of a proclamation issued by his Excellency John Rutledge Esquire,— Mr. Thomas Heyward, together with five others were declared by the returning Officers to be duly elected representatives, and have been returned to this Honble House as such,— That your petitioner can from incontestable evidence make it appear, That the said Thomas Heyward was not, conformable to the qualifications laid down in the said Proclamation, eligible as a Representative,— That as your Petitioner had next to the said Thomas Heyward, the highest Number of Votes, he humbly conceives that he was fairly, duly and legally elected a representative for the said parish; he therefore requests your Honble House, that he may be permitted to take his Seat,— And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray—

John Barnwell

Ordered, that the above Petition be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections,—

And the House adjourned
till to morrow morning nine o'Clock

Friday the 8th Febry.

The House met, according to adjournment

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

Doctr Ramsay from the Committee on privileges And Elections inform'd the House, that they were ready to report on General Barnwells petition referr'd to them Yesterday, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the Report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the said report be postponed

The Bill intitled a Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing Certain Persons therein mentioned, was Ordered to be read a Second time,—

On Reading the Bill several amendments were made therein,— after reading the Bill,—

A motion was made and seconded, that leave be given to bring in at the third reading of the Bill, the following clauses vizt.

A Clause to limit the quantity of acres of Land to be sold in one parcell,—

A Clause directing the Commissioners to set apart a number of Negroes for the recruiting service,—

The Question being put.—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that the said Clauses be prepared to be added to the Bill at the third reading.—

Mr. Speaker then put the Question whether the Bill should be sent to the Senate,—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that Mr. Owen and Mr. Jones, do wait on the Senate with the Bill above mentioned,—

A Message from the Senate, returning the Bill entitled a Bill for holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer & Terminer in the Several Districts of this State, and making out a new Jury List, which had been read twice in that House,— and also the resolution of this House of the Sixth Instant empowering his Excellency the Governor to order the quantity of Five hundred bushels of Corn to be forthwith purchased for the use of the Catawba Indians, to which their Honours, had given their Concurrence,

A Message from the senate by their clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 8th. February 1782—

M^{r}. Speaker & Gent^{n}.—

This House herewith send you two resolutions requesting his Excellency the Governor, to order, that such of the State Troops whose time of service shall be expired, be discharged, and that provision be made as soon as Possible to pay the Bounty due to such of them as have not already received the same, to which this House desire your Concurrence,—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais.
President

The foregoing Message was accompanied by the following resolutions vizt.

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to order that such of the State Troops whose time of service shall be expired, be discharged,—

Resolved that provision be made as soon as possible to pay the Bounty due to such of them, as have not already received the same,—

Ordered that the above resolution be sent to the House of Representatives for their Concurrence,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the above Message and resolutions be postponed,

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow morning 9. o'Clock

Saturday the 9th

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

The Bill for holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer & Terminer in the several Districts of this State and for making out a new Jury List, was Orderd to be read a third time—

The Bill for holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer & Terminer in the several Districts of this state, and for making out a new Jury list was read a third time,—

And then the Bill being put to a passing,

Resolved that the Bill do pass and that the Title thereof be an act,—

Ordered that the Act be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence,— And that Mr. Owen and Mr. Jones do carry the same,—

Mr. Owen reported that Mr. Jones and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill they had in charge,

A motion was made and seconded that this House do come to the following resolution vizt.—

Resolved that it is the sense of the House that untill a sufficient number of the Delegates lately elected to represent this State in Congress shall arrive in Philadelphia the Delegates who are now in Congress shall retain their seats and Continue to Represent this State,—

Resolved that this House do agree to the above Resolution, at that it be sent to the Senate for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.—

In the House of Representatives
9th February 1782.

Honble Gentn. of the Senate—

This House herewith send you a Resolution respecting the Delegates who now represent this State in Congress, Continuing their seats therein untill those lately elected shall arrive at Philadelphia, to which this House desire your Concurrence,

By Order of the House,
Hugh Rutledge—
Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rutledge and Major Hyrne do carry the same—

Mr. Edward Rutledge reported that Major Hyrne and himself had delivered to the Senate the above resolution and Message,— which they had in charge,—

A motion was made and seconded, that this House do come to the following resolution vizt.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this House, that the Delegates lately elected to represent this State in Congress, do proceed to Philadelphia, as soon as they can with convenience.—

Resolved, that this House do agree to the foregoing resolution,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk returning the resolution of this House of this date respecting the Delegates who are now in Congress, retaining their seats untill those lately

Elected shall arrive in Philadelphia,— with their Honours Concurrence thereto,

Also a Bill to prevent the Commencement of Suits for the recovery of Debts, for the time and on the Conditions therein mention'd which Originated in that House,—

The Bill entitled a Bill to prevent the Commencement of suits for the recovery of Debts, for the time and on the Conditions therein mentioned, was read a first time.

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time,—

Mr. Burke from the Committee appointed to receive the names of persons proper to be nominated Justices of the Peace, delivered in a List of the names of such Persons, which was read, and,

The Question being put, whether the same shou'd be agreed to,

Resolved, that the Persons, whose names are mentioned in the said List, be nominated Justices of the Peace for the Parishes or districts in the List wherein their names are respectively set down,

Ordered That the above resolution be sent to the Honble: the Senate for their Concurrence, and that Mr. Burke and Mr. Flagg, do carry the same,

Mr. Burke reported that Mr. Flagg and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in charge,—

Mr John Rutledge from the Committee on the Letters from their Excellencys the president of Congress, and the Commander in Cheif, and from the Superintendant of Finance, informd the House that they were ready to report if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it He accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.—

That they have considered the several matters therein contained, and are of opinion, that it would be impracticable in the present distressed state of this Country, and the great sarcity of speice, to levy a Tax in the usual manner, or in the mode proposed by the Financeir of the United States, But in order to comply Substantially, with the requisitions from Congress and from him,

Your Committee recommend that this State engage that supplies (including those which have been furnished since the first of January last) shall be furnished for the army, during the present Year, to the Value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars (being the

Quota assigned to this State, of the Continental Estimate for the Year 1782.—

That a Sufficient Number of Proper persons be from time to time, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Privy Council in different places, as agents or Commissioners to procure their Supplies,—

That to prevent fraud, Ingrossing and oppression, no other person but those who shall be appointed, by the Governor with the advice of the Privy Council for that purpose as aforesaid, shall be allowed to procure supplies for the Continental army, and that it shall be a part of the duty of the said Commissioners to obtain these supplies, on such terms as may be reasonable between the Publick and individuals, and in the manner most equal, and least Burdensome to the people, so that the advantages of selling where persons can spare, and the disadvantages of being obliged to part with what they cannot conveniently, may be shared and borne, as equaly as possible,—

And that the money & Securities for money, which may be obtain'd from the Sale of Such Estates, as shall be Confiscated be a fund for sinking or redeeming the notes which may be issued by the receiver of the Continental Taxes,

The Committee further recommend, that a message be sent to the Governor, requesting his Excellency to give the necessary orders for having the Number of White Inhabitants of this State taken and Transmitted to Congress, as soon as practicable, the other Subjects of the papers reffer'd to your Committee are already in a proper train for the determination of the House,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the foregoing report, be postponed,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk returning the resolution of this House of the seventh Instant for empowering his Excellency the Governor to order a Sufficient quantity of provisions to be purchased at the publick expence and destributed amongst the widows and orphans &c^{a}. with their Honors Concurrence thereto,—

The Message from the senate yesterday with the two resolutions accompanying it where read agreeable to order,

Ordered that the said Message and resolution be referr'd to the following Committee vizt.

Col^{o}. Hill

Col^{o} Thomas	Col^{o} Grimke
Capt Watters	Capt. Ja^{s}. Moore.

The Report of the Committee on General Barnwells Petition was read and is as follows vizt.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections Report,— That they have enquired into the merits of the said petition, and find that the Contents thereof are true, but notwithstanding, as they are informed, that the voters meant to vote for Thomas Heyward Junr.; but omitted to add the distinguish^{g}. epithet Junr., They recommend that a new writ of Election should be issued

On considering the report, after some time spent in debating the same,

The Question was put. whether this House do Concur with the report of the Committee,—

It was carried in the affirmative—

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow morning nine ^{o}Clock.

Sunday the 10th:

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings

M^{r}. Speaker informed the House that M^{r}. George Robinson returned a Member for the district between Savannah & the North Fork of Edisto river attended at the door and desired to know if it was their Pleasure he should be call'd in and asked if he intended to qualify,— M^{r}. Robinson being called in and asked the question by M^{r}. Speaker,—

He answered in the affirmative.

M^{r}. John E. Calhoun was desired to administer to him the Oaths of allegiance and Qualification,— M^{r}. Calhoun reported that he had administred the Oaths,— And M^{r}. Robinson took his Seat accordingly,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill "entitled an Act for holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the Several Districts of this State and for mak^{g}. out a new Jury List," which had been read a third time in their House, and to which their Honors had given their Concurrence

Ordered that the said act be immediately engrossed,

The Bill entitled a Bill to prevent the Commencement of Suits for the recovery of Debts for the time and on the Conditions therein mentioned, was ordered to be read a Second time,

On Reading the first clause,

A motion was made and seconded, that the same be amended by adding the following words vizt. "or send his property out of

"this State or unless he shall refuse to give bond with Security for "the paym^{t}. of his Debt to be approved of by such Magistrate, and "in that Case the said Suit shall be proceeded into execution "which execution may be levied but the Property so levied shall "not be sold," after some Debate,

The Question was put by M^{r}. Speaker.—

It was carried in the affirmative,

And the same being added,— The last part of the clause was struck out,

The Bill being read thro'—

Ordered that the Bill, as amended be sent to the Senate and that M^{r}. Owen and Mr William Scott do carry the Same,

The Report of the Committee on the Letters and Papers from their Excellencies the President of Congress and the Commander in Chief and from the Superintendant of Finance, was ordered to be Considered immediately,—

The Report being read for debate,—

A motion was made and Seconded, that the first part of the first Clause as far as the words "United States" be struck out,—

A Debate arose thereupon, and after some Time spent,—

The Question was put by M^{r}. Speaker,

It passed in the Negative—

The Several Clauses in the report being read,— and

The Question put on them respectively by M^{r}. Speaker,

They were carried in ye affirmative

M^{r}. Speaker then put the Question on the whole report.

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that a Bill be brought in agreeable to the report and that it be referred to the Committee above mentioned to bring in the Bill

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to his Excellency the Governor requesting he woud be pleased to have the number of white Inhabitants of this State taken and Transmitted to congress as soon as practicable,— and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feb^{ry}. 1782—

This House request that your Excellency will be pleased to give the necessary orders for having the number of white Inhabit-

ants of this State taken and transmitted to Congress as soon as practicable.——

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge.
Speaker

Mr. Owen reported that Mr. Scott and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill they had in Charge,

A motion was made and seconded, that a Message be sent to the Senate respecting the Election of a Treasurer,—

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker,—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that a Message be prepared and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,

A message was accordingly prepared and signd by Mr. Speaker and is as follows vizt.—

In the House of Representatives febry: 10. 1782

Honôrable Gentn. of the Senate.—

This House think proper to inform your Honors that as there is only one Commissioner of the Treasury vizt. William Parker Esquire, and he is not at present in this State it will be necessary to proceed to the Election of an other before the General assembly adjourns

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge—
Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Broughton do wait on the Honble the Senate with the above Message.—

A motion was made and Seconded, for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a duty of five per cent ad valorem on all Goods, wares, and Merchandizes of Foreign Manufacture which shall be imported into this State, from any foreign port &ca.—

Ordered that such a Bill be brought in.

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee be appointed to consider of the Improvement of the Inland navigation of this State,—

Ordered that,

Mr. John Rutledge
Colo. Kershaw Colo. Hill
Mr. Ferguson & Mr. Geo: Robinson be a Committee for the above purposes.

Ordered (on Motion) That a Bill be brought in for redeeming and Sinking the Paper Currency of this State

Ordered on Motion, That leave be given to bring in a Bill enabling Creditors to attach the Estates of their Debtors who are within the Enemy's Lines,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Bill be brought in to appoint proper persons to audit and liquidate the demands of the Publick Creditors,—

Ordered that a Bill be brought in for. the purposes above mentioned,—

The House then adjourned
till to morrow morning 9 'oClock.

Monday the 11th

The House met according to adjournment

Read the Journals of yesterdays Proceedings

The following Bills were brought in agreeable to the order of yesterday and Severally read a first time,—

A Bill for Levying a duty of five per Cent, ad valorem on Goods wares and Merchandizes which shall be imported into this State, and on Prizes and Prize Goods which shall be condemned in the Court of admiralty

A Bill for furnishing supplies for the army to the Value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars, being the quota assigned to this State of the Continental Estimate for the present year.—

A Bill for recovery of Debts due by Persons in Charles Town

A Bill for calling in and Sinking the Paper Bills of Credit of this State

Ordered that the Several Bills above mentioned be read a second time to morrow,—

Mr. Mitchell reported that Mr. Broughton and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in charge,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt.—

In the Senate February 11th. 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen—

This House agree that as there is only one Commissioner of the Treasury, and he is not in this State, it will be necessary to proceed to the Election of an other before the General assembly adjourns,—

By Order of the senate
John Lewis Gervais—
Presidt.

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the Bill to prevent the commencement of Suits for the recovery of Debts, for the time and on the Conditions therein mentioned which had been read a third time in that House and pass'd,—

Ordered that the Bill be immediately read a third time in this House,—

The Bill entitled a Bill to prevent the Commencement of Suits for the recovery of Debts, for the term and on the conditions therein mentioned, being accordingly read a third time in this House,— The same was put to a passing by Mr. Speaker,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be an act.—

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honble the senate

The House then adjourned
till to morrow morning 9. 'oClock

Tuesday 12th.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings,

The Bill for recovery of Debts, due by persons in Charles Town, was read a second time, agreeable to the order of Yesterday,— the Bill being read

A motion was made and Seconded, that the enacting clause be struck out,—

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker

It was carried in the affirmative

The Question was afterwards put by Mr. Speaker whether the Bill Shou'd be sent to the Senate,—

It passed in the negative.

Resolved that the Bill be rejected.—

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that Major Willm. Davis returned a member for the Parish of Prince William and Colo. LeRoy Hammond for the District of Ninety Six, attended at the door, and desired to know whether it was their pleasure they should be called in and asked if they intended to qualify,— on being call'd in and asked the Question by Mr. Speaker,—

They answered in the affirmative—

Mr. Burke was ordered to administer to them the oaths of Qualification and allegiance,—

Mr. Burke reported that he had administred the oaths, and Major Davis and Colo Hammond took their seats accordingly—

The Second reading of the Bill for calling in and sinking the paper Bills of Credit of this State, agreeable to the order of Yesterday was postponed,—

The Bill for furnishing supplies for the army to the Value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars, being the quota assign'd to this State of the Continental estimate for the present year, agreeable to the Order of yesterday was read a second time,—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honorable the Senate, and that Mr. Gibbes, and Mr. Postell do carry the same

A Message from his Excellency the Governor in the words following vizt.

Mr. Speaker & Gentn. I herewith send you the copy of a Letter from Major General Greene to me, if the proposition therein made of Furnishing the army with a number of negroes, for the different Services he has mentioned, should meet your approbation, it will enable General Greene, to throw into the ranks a considerable number of valuable soldiers, I therefore earnestly recommend this matter to your Consideration

John Mathews—

Febry 12, 1782

The above Message was accompanied with the following Letter from Major General Greene— vizt

Head Quarters Febry 11. 1782—

Sir,/

In answer to your Excellency's Letter upon the proposition of furnishing the army with a number of negroes, provided their Service may be accounted for by Congress, I beg leave to observe, if they can be had on such terms as will engage their fidelity.— The publick cou'd employ four or five Hundred to great advantage; but unless the Negroes have an Interest in their servitude I am persuaded they will be of little weight, and by no means to be depended upon, I woud beg leave to propose therefore that the publick Cloath them, and that the negroes be allowed the same wages allowed by Congress to the Soldiers of the Continental army; if this is agreed to, the fidelity of the negroes may be depended on, and they may perhaps perform the service expected from them with cheerfulness, I think we cou'd employ one hundred and forty waggoners, one Hundred and fifty pioneers, one hundred and twenty artificers, and Twenty or Thirty Servants, to advantage, if this number could be immediately furnished the army, such as are good men and such as

shall be approv'd of on inspection, I will recommend this matter fully to Congress for their approbation, that the state may be allowed for the same in the publick accounts,— I have the Honour to be with great Respect,

Your Excellency's—
Most obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Servent.
Nathl. Greene.

Ordered that the Consideration of the above message be postpon'd untill the third reading of the Bill for Confiscation &c^{a}.

The Bill for Levying a duty of Five per cent ad valorem on Goods Wares and Merchandizes &c^{a}. agreeable to the order of yesterday was read a second time,— On reading the Bill several amendments were made therein.—

The Bill being read thro'

Ordered that it be sent to the Senate and that m^{r}. Gibbes and M^{r}. Postell do carry the Same.—

The Bill for the regulation of the Militia of this State which was returned from the Senate by their Clerk, and had been read twice in their House was order'd to be read a third time,

On reading—

The Bill entitled "A Bill for the regulation of the militia" it appeared there were several amendments made therein, and Clauses added thereto by the Senate, which being Severally read three times and Debated some were amended and the rest agreed to,— The Bill being read throughout, M^{r}. Speaker put the Bill to a passing,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the title thereof be an act.

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence,—

M^{r}. Edward Rutledge brought in according to order A Bill entitled "a Bill to procure recruits and to prevent desertion" which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, where it was read a first time,—

Ordered that it be read a second time—

The Bill entitled "a Bill for pardoning the persons therein named, on the conditions therein mentioned was brought in according to order, and read a first time,—

Ordered that the said Bill be read a Second time

Mr. John Rutledge from the committee appointed to consider of the Improvement of the Inland navigation of this State, inform'd the House that they were ready to Report if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks table, where it was again read and is as follows,—

1st. That they have considered the matter referr'd to them, and recommend that commissioners be appointed to Cause the Land between Santee and Cooper rivers, to be Surveyed and examined, and to fix on the most convenient place for Cutting a Canal so as to open a Navigation from one to the other of those rivers.—

2d That two thirds of the slaves which shall be taken for publick use, of whom a disposition is not already made be employed in that service, as soon as a sum sufficient with the Labour of such slaves to effect it shall be raised by subscriptions which the said Commissioners should be impowered to receive.—

3d. That the remainder of the said Slaves be employed in clearing Edisto river and the Forks of it.—

4th That if Circumstances shoud render the execution of the matter first above mentioned impracticable for the present the slaves which are directed to be employed therein, shall be employed in Clearing Catawba river, so as to render it navigable from the North Carolina line to Cambden,—

5th. That if the measure first above mentioned shoul'd be forthwith practicable when it is accomplished the negroes employed therein as well as those employed in clearing Edisto river, when that service is effected be employed in the Catawba,

6th. That the said Commissioners be empowered and directed to Cause such of the other rivers in this State, the navigation of which requires and they apprehend to be capable of improvement to be explored in order to ascertain the practicability of the measure and that they lay a report thereon with Estimates of the expence before the Legislature at its next meeting,—

Ordered that the consideration of the above report be post pon'd till Thursday next.

Mr. Edward Rutledge presented to the House a Petition from the Executors of the late Colo. Isaac Haynes deceased, praying that this House wou'd be pleased to grant them assistance towards rebuilding the Iron works which had been destroyed by the Enemy,—

Ordered that the said Petition be referred to a Committee of the following Gentlemen vizt.

M^{r}. Edward Rutledge

Doct^{r} Ramsay — Col^{o} Lacey

Capt Ja^{s} Moore (96) & — Col^{o} Thomas

M^{r}. Gibbes reported that M^{r}. Postell and himself had delivered to the Senate, the Bills they had in charge,—

The House then Adjourned
till to morrow morning 9, ^{o}Clock

Wednesday 13th,

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

M^{r}. Speaker informed the House that Col^{o} Lemuel Benton, returned a Member for the Parish of Saint David, attended at the door, and desired to know if it was their pleasure he should be called in and asked if he intended to qualify, and on being called in and asked the Question by M^{r}. Speaker he answered in the affirmative,—

M^{r}. Burke was desired to administer to him the oaths of Qualification and allegiance,— M^{r}. Burke reported that he had administred the said oaths to Col^{o}. Benton and he took his seat accordingly,—

A Bill for pardoning the persons therein named, on the Conditions therein mentioned was ordered to be read a second time.

On Reading the said Bill an amendment was propos'd,

A motion was made and seconded that the Bill be recommitted,

The Question was put by M^{r}. Speaker.—

It was Carried in the affirmative

The Bill entitled a Bill to procure recruits and to prevent desertion was ordered to be read a second time,—

On Reading the Bill there were several amendments made therein and Clauses added thereto, which on,—

The Question being put, were severally agreed to—

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate and that M^{r}. Dart and M^{r}. Jones do carry the same.—

Col^{o}. Grimke from the committee respecting the Discharging of the State Troops, and making provision for the paym^{t}. of them informed the House that the Committee were ready to

report if the House woud be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read the report in his place and delivered it in at the clerks, table where it was again read and is as follows vizt.—

That upon investigating the rudimental establishment and Constitution of the state Troops, they find that Genl Sumpter upon conferring with General Greene, raised six regiments in last april, to serve ten Months,—

That each Regiment was to consist of one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, four Captains, Eight Lieutenants, one adjutant, one quarter master, one Surgeon, one sergeant Major, one quarter Master, one quarter Master serjeant, twelve sergeants, one Trumpeter, one sadler, and one Hundred privates,

That there were also attached to these Regiments, one Brigade Surgeon, one Brigade Major, one Brigade Quarter Master, one Commissary of Purchases, one Commissary of issues, one Brigade Waggon Master, One Deputy Waggon Master, two Armourers and two Trustees of Captures,—

That each Lieutenant Colonel was to receive three large and one Small negroe, Each Major two large and one small negroe and the Brigade Surgeon the same, Each Captain the Brigade Maj^{r}. the Brigade Quarter Master, the Brigade Waggon Master, and each of the armourers, two negroes, each Lieutenant, adjutant, Quarter Master surgeon, assistant Surgeon, of the Brigade, each Commissary and the Deputy Waggon Master, one large and one small negroe, and the same was allowed to the Trustees of Captures; each Serjant Major and Quarter Master serjeant one large and half of one small Negroe: each serjeant one large and a quarter of a small negroe, and each sadler, Trumpeter & private one negroe,—

That these Men were to receive, independant of the above one hat or Cap, one Coatee, two waist Coats, two pair of Breeches or Overalls, two Shirts, one pair Stockings, one pair shoes, one pair Spurs, one Blanket, half bushel of salt, and twenty bushells of Corn, if they had families and two thirds of all Monies & goods captured from the Enemy,—

Your Committee are likewise informed that an other Regiment was raised about the same time, upon the above terms, and for the same length of Service, by Brigadier General Pickens,—

Your Committee are fully Convinced of the necessity and propriety of raising the State Troops and are satisfied that the time of their engagements has expired or is nearly expiring, & are therefore of Opinion, that the Terms upon which they were

raised, should be complied with, but your Committee not having been able to procure the proper returns for forming an Estimate of the number of negroes requisite for the discharge of the State Troops, find themselves incompetent to report determinately, they however beg leave to recommend that during the recess of the assembly, Commissioners be appointed to receive such returns and audit such accounts as may be laid before them respecting this business and that in the mean time the Governor be empowered to direct that a Number not exceeding Four hundred negroes be delivered in part payment to the six first mentioned Regiments General Sumter to be accountable for their expenditure & that his Excellency the Governor be likewise requested to order Provision to be made to the amount of Eighty negroes in part of payment to the last mentioned regiment General Pickens to render an account for the same,

Ordered that the consideration of the above report be postpon'd.—

The House then Adjourned
till to morrow morning 9. 'oClock

Thursday 14th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing Certain persons therein mentioned which had been read a Second time in their House.

The Report of the Committee appointed to Consider of the Improvement of the Inland Navigation of this State was ordered to be taken into Consideration agreeable to the order of Tuesday last.—

The Report being then read for Debate, and the first Clause having been read and agreed to,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that the following words be added thereto,— vizt. "and that they do make as accurate a "Report thereon as they can, with an Estimate of the expence "attending it, and in what time the same can be compleated," after some debate,—

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker—

It was carried in the affirmative

The Second Clause being read—

A Motion was made and seconded, that the same be struck out and the following Clause inserted instead thereof vizt "That

"the commissioners be empowered to receive subscriptions for "that purpose,—

A Debate arising, thereupon,—

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker,—

It was carried in the affirmative

The Third, Fourth, and Fifth Clauses of the report being severally read,—

A motion was made and seconded that the said Clauses be disagreed to,— no debate arising thereupon

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker.—

It was carried in the affirmative

The sixth and Last clause being read,—

A motion was made and seconded, that the same be amended by adding the following words Vizt. "and Cause such Lands to "be surveyed thro' which Canals might most advantageously and "conveniently be cut for opening a Communication between the "said Rivers,"

The Question being put, it was carried in the affirm

Resolved that Colo Kershaw, Colo Grimke Colo. Wade Hampton, Mr. Frierson, Colo Mahum, Mr. Lewis Miles and Mr. John Ward, be commissioners for the purposes of carrying into execution the several matters mentiond in the above report.—

Resolved that this House will make provision for payment of all expences which may be incurrd thereby.—

Ordered that the Report above mentioned as agreed to by this House together with the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, and that a Message be likewise sent therewith, and signed by Mr. Speaker.

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt,

In the House of Representatives
February 14th. 1782

Honble Gentlemen of the Senate,— This House herewith send you the Report of a Committee appointed by this House, to consider of the Improvement of the Inland Navigation of this State, as the same has been agreed to by this House with two Resolutions consequent thereon to which this House desire your Concurrence,

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge—
Speaker

Ordered that Major Vanderhorst and Mr. Scott do carry the same,

On motion—

Resolved that the delegates be instructed to have the accounts of this State against the United State already sent to Congress liquidated and settled and that they use every means in their power to effect it,—

Resolved that the Delegates be also instructed to apply to Congress to obtain Flags from the Commander in Chief of the British Army for the Inhabitants of this State particularly the Women and Children who have been sent from this State to return with their Baggage to this State, or as near to it as possible and that the Flags be at the Enemy's expence; but if that cannot be obtaind; this State will make provision for the payment thereof,

Ordered that the above resolutions be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence.—

In the House of representatives Feb^ry 14th. 1782—

Honble Gent^n. of the Senate.—

This House herewith send you the foregoing resolutions, to which they desire your Honors Concurrence,

By Order of the House—

Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Major Vanderhorst and M^r. Scott do carry the same,—

Major Vanderhorst, reported that M^r. Scott and himself had delivered to the Senate the above Message and Resolution which they had in charge,—

The Bill for pardoning the persons therein named on the conditions therein mentioned, which had been once read in this House, and ordered to be recommitted,— was.

Ordered to be read a Second time,— On reading the Bill several Clauses were added thereto, and amendments made therein, which upon.—

The Question being put, were severally agreed to

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Senate.—

Ordered that Major Vanderhorst and M^r. Scott do carry the same,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, with a Schedule of Amendments to the Bill for regulating of the militia proposed by that House— requesting the Concurrence of this House thereto.—

Ordered that the said Schedule of amendments be taken into Consideration immediately,— the amendments proposed by the Senate being read three times,— and—

The Question put on each amendment respectively by Mr.— Speaker,— they were Severally agreed to—

Resolved that this House do agree to the amendments proposed to the said Bill, by the Honble the Senate, and that they be made part of the Bill,—

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be sent to the Honorble the Senate, that a Message be sent therewith, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepar'd vizt.

In the House of representatives febry. 14. 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate,—

This House have considered of the several amendments proposed in the schedule sent together with your Message of this date, and agreed thereto, this House therefore request that your Honors will be pleased to insert the same in the Bill for the regulation of the Militia,—

By Order of the House.

Hugh Rutledge speaker

Ordered that Major Vanderhorst and Mr. Scott do carry the Same,—

Ordered that the third reading of the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing Certain persons be postponed till to morrow,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the Bill to empower Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson, & John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate of the Value of Ten thousand Guineas, in Trust, and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene, which had been read a second time in their House,

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately,—

The Bill entitled a Bill to empower Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson, and John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate of the Value of Ten Thousand Guineas in trust and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene was read a third time and the Bill being put to a passing by Mr. Speaker,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass and that the Title thereof be an Act,—

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honble the senate for their Concurrence, and that Major Vanderhorst and Mr Scott do carry the same,—

Mr. Kean from the committee on the Petition of the Field and other Officers of the upper and lower Granville and Colleton County regiments,— informed the House that they were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive it— He accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read,—

A Motion was made and seconded, that the said report be recommitted,

A Debate arising thereon

The Question was put

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that the said Report be recommitted to the same Committee,—

The House then adjourned
till to morrow Morng, 9. o'Clock.

Friday 15th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

Mr. Speaker informed the House that Colo Mahum returned a Member for the parish of Saint Stephens, and Captain Thomas Giles for the Parish of Saint John Berkley County, attended at the Door and desir'd to know if it was their pleasure they shou'd be call'd in and asked whether they intended to qualify, On being called in and asked the question by Mr. Speaker,—

They answered in the affirmative

Mr. Burke was desired to administer to them the Oaths of qualification and Allegiance,—

Mr. Burke reported that he had administred the Oaths to Colo. Mahum and Captain Giles, and they took their seats accordingly,

The Bill for disposing of certain Estates and Banishing certain persons,— agreeable to the order of yesterday, was ordered to be read a third time,—

On Reading the Bill sundry amendments were made therein,—

The Question being put thereon respectively were severally agreed to,— — On Reading the seventh clause

A motion was made and Seconded that the farther reading of the Bill be postponed till to morrow.—

It was carried in the affirmative

Major Vanderhorst reported that Mr. Scott and himself had delivered to the Senate the severall Messages and Bills which they had in charge,—

A message from his Excellency the Governor in the following words vizt.

Mr. Speaker & Gentn.—

In consequence of your resolve of the third Instant for supplying the army with provisions I have in concert with Major General Greene made such arrangements as I flatter my self will be productive of the benefits thereby intended, but as proper officers for carrying the plan into execution are immediately required, I have therefore to request that a Commissary with a sufficient Number of assistants may be appointed as soon as Conveniently can be done, with such Monthly allowance as in the Judgments of your House shall be deemed adequate to the service, February 15th. 1782— John Mathews

A Message from the Senate by their clerk returng. the act for the regulation of the Militia which had been read three times in their House and passed, Also the following Bills vizt. The Bill for pardoning the persons therein described on the conditions therein mentioned, The Bill for furnishing supplies for the army to the value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars &ca.,— And the Bill to procure Recruits and prevent desertion, which Bills had been severally read twice in their House, also the List of Justices as agreed by this House and sent the Ninth Instant for their Concurrence together with a Message accompanying the same in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 15th. February 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentn,—

This House send you herewith a List of Justices which they are of Opinion shou'd be added to the list sent by your House, to which they request your Concurrence,

By Order of the Senate

John Lewis Gervais preside

Ordered that the Consideration of the above Message be postponed till to morrow.—

Ordered that the Bill for furnishing supplies for the army to the Value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars &ca. be read a third time.

The Bill being read thro' no debate arising thereupon, Mr. Speaker put the Bill to a passing.—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be an Act.—

Ordered that the Act be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, And that Mr. Scott & Mr. Jones do carry the same,

Ordered that the Bill for Pardoning the persons therein described on the Conditions therein mentioned be read a third time.— On reading the Bill several amendments were made therein, and Clauses added thereto, which on,—

The Question being put, were severally agreed to—

Mr. Speaker then put the Bill to a passing,—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be an Act,

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the senate for their Concurrence and that Mr. Scott & Mr. Jones do carry the same,—

Ordered that the third reading of the Bill to procure Recruits and prevent Desertion, be postpon'd till to morrow, and that the Bill for the regulation of the Militia be forthwith engrossed,

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morng 9, o'Clock

Saturday 16th February 1782—

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings.—

The Message from the Senate of yesterday with the Additional List of Justices which accompanied the same, to which their Honors requested the concurrence of this House, were read agreeable to order,—

Resolved that this House do agree to the request of their Honors, that the said List of names be added to the List of Justices, which had been agreed to by this House, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

The following Message was accordingly prepared and is as follows vizt. In the House of Representatives—

February 16, 1782

Honble Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House have considered your Message of yesterday and return you herewith the List of names to be added to the List of Justices sent us by your Honors, which this House have agreed to, and desire that you will be pleased to insert the same in said List, By Order of the House.

Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that the foregoing Message be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that Mr. Scott and Mr. Jones do carry the same,

Mr. Scott reported that Mr. Jones and himself had delivered to the Senate the Several Bills and Messages which they had in Charge,—

The Bill to procure recruits and prevent desertion, agreeable to the order of yesterday, was read a third time,— On reading the Bill Several amendments were made therein, another Clause was added and three clauses which had been struck out by the Senate were on motion ordered to be restored which being done and the question put by Mr. Speaker were severally agreed to. Mr. Speaker then put the Bill to a passing,

Resolved that the Bill do pass and that the Title thereof be an act,—

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honble the senate for their concurrence,

Ordered that Mr. Scott & Capt. Mitchell do carry the same.

Mr. Edward Rutledge from the committee on the petition of the Executors of the late Colo Isaac Hayne informed the House, that the committee were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks Table, where it was again read, and is as follows vizt.—

That it is their opinion the rebuilding of the Iron works mentioned in the said Petition woud tend very much to the benefit of the Inhabitants in that part of the Country, they wou'd therefore recommend that Fifty of the Negroes which may be reserved out of the Confiscated Estates (should Confication take place) as a Bounty for the second years service of our Troops, be lent to the said Executors to be employed in rebuilding the said works on condition that they give Security to the Treasurer for the redelivery of the said negroes when called for,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the above report be postponed till to morrow,

Mr. Scott reported that Capt Mitchell and himself had delivered the act to the Senate which they had in charge,—

A Motion was made and seconded, that this House do come into the following Resolutions vizt.

In the House of representatives Febry. 16. 1782.

Resolved that the Governor by and with the advice & Consent of the privy council take the speediest and most effectual

methods to furnish each general officer and other commission'd officers of the Continental Regiments of this State, as well those who are reduced as those in actual service with a complete suit of cloaths as a Compliment from this State— and also to furnish them with any farther cloathing and necessaries they may want, for which they are to account at the prices usual when their pay was originally fixed,—

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker—

It was carried in the affirmative,

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence, and that a Message be prepared to be sent therewith and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepar'd and is as follows vizt.

In the House of Representatives Febry: 16. 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate,

This House herewith send you two resolutions for empowering his Excellency the Governor with the advice and consent of the Privy Council, to furnish each General officer and other commission'd officers &ca. of the continental Regiments of this state with a Complete suit of Cloaths, and to furnish them with any farther cloathing and necessaries which have been agreed to by this House and to which they desire your Honors concurrence.—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Major Hyrne and Colo. Grimke do carry the same,—

Major Hyrne reported that Colo Grimke and himself had delivered to the senate the message and resolutions they had in charge,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk returning the act for furnishing supplies for the army to the value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars &ca. which had been read three times in their house and agreed to.—

Ordered that the said Bill be forthwith Ingrossed

Ordered that the House do proceed to the farther reading of the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and Banishing certain Persons agreeable to the order of yesterday,—

On reading the List No: 3 referr'd to in said Bill—

A Motion was made and seconded that the name of John Wragg be struck out of said List,

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker.—

The House divided, the Yeas went forth

For the question 42. against it 43.

It passed in the Negative

Teller for the Yeas	For the Nays
Mr. Jones	Mr. Calhoun

On Reading the list No; 5—

A Motion was made and seconded that the farther reading thereof and of the Bill be postponed till to morrow—

The Question was put by Mr. Speaker

It was carried in the affirmative

A Message from the Senate by their clerk together with the act to procure Recruits &ca. in the following words vizt.

In the Senate February 16th. 1782

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—

This House is of Opinion that the Bill "to procure recruits and to prevent desertion" shou'd be amended by striking out the three Clauses restored by your House, to which they request your Concurrence.

By Order of the Senate

John Lewis Gervais prest.

Another Message from the Senate by their clerk together with a schedule of amendments proposed to the act, for pardoning the persons therein described &ca in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 16th Febry 1782.

Mr. Speaker & Gentn.

This House send you herewith a Schedule of amendments to "the act for pardoning the Persons therein described &ca, to which they request the concurrence of your House

By Order of the Senate

John Lewis Gervais Presidt.

Ordered—

That the Consideration of the foregoing Message be postpon'd till to Morrow,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that the Committee appointed to consider what Estates in this Country are proper subjects of Confiscation &ca. do set again for the purpose of receiving the names of such persons as shall appear to be proper subjects thereof, and report the same to morrow

Ordered that the Committee do Sit for that purpose,

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk returning the List of Justices of the Peace, as agreed to by their House,

The House then adjourned
till to morrow Morning 9, o'Clock

Sunday February 17th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

The House agreeable to the order of yesterday proceeded to the consideration of the Message from the senate, respecting the three clauses which had been restored by this House to the act to procure recruits and prevent desertion, which had been struck out of the act by their House, and requesting the Concurrence of this House thereto,—

A Motion was made and seconded that a Committee of Conference be appointed to meet a Committee of that House, on the Several matters therein mentioned,—

Ordered that, Doctr. Ramsay, Mr Ed: Rutledge and Mr. John E. Calhoun be of that Committee, and that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the senate to request they will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their House for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepar'd vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feb. 17. 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate,

This House have considered your Message of Yesterday respecting the three Clauses which were restored by this House to the act to procure recruits &ca. and were struck out by your Honors, this House have appointed a Committee of the followg. Gentlemen vizt. Doctr. Ramsay, Mr. Edward Rutledge and Mr. John E. Calhoun, to meet a Committee of your House, in free conference on the subject of said Message, to which this House request your Honors Concurrence,

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Doctr. Ramsay and Dr. Gillet do carry the same,

Dr. Ramsay reported, that Doctr. Gillet and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in Charge.—

A Message from the Senate in the following Words vizt.

In the Senate February 17th. 1782—

M^{r}. Speaker & Gent^{n}.—

This House have appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of your House in free Conference on the subject of the three Clauses which were restored by your House to the Bill "to procure recruits and prevent Desertion,— our committee are M^{r}. Samuel Smith, Mr Lloy'd and Genl. Marion.—

By Order of the Senate

John Lewis Gervais pres^{t}.

M^{r}. Owen from the Committee order'd to receive an additional List of names of Persons whose Estates are proper subjects of Confiscation &c^{a}. inform'd the House, that they had receiv'd a List of sundry names if the House wou'd please to receive it,— he accordingly read the List in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks table

M^{r}. Kean from the committee on the Petition of the Field and other officers of the Upper and Lower Granville and Colleton County Regiments, inform'd the House that they were ready to report if they wou'd be pleas'd to receive it,— He accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, when it was again read and is as follows vizt.—

That in their opinion the Governor and Council under the Extraordinary powers vested in them by the late Legislature had an undoubted right to use their Judgment in the appointment of Militia officers, but as the Petition referred to your Committee contains the names of a great number of Persons, and as the complaints of the People should at all times be paid the greatest attention to, they are of Opinion that the respective ranks complain'd against, should be either confirmed or Determined by an Election of both Houses,— And that this House may be well inform'd and have sufficient matter whereon to determine, Your Committee desire their Consideration of the following facts vizt.— That Col^{o}. Harden, after the Surrender of Charles Town (finding it impracticable to escape) did submit to the British and became one of their Subjects, some time in July 1780.— That General Barnwell then bearing the Commission of Major, was made a prisoner in Charles Town, and remained such untill exchanged by the General Cartel in June last,— That he took the command and fought the Enemy on the 3^{d}. January 1781— after which his Men dispersing he was obliged to seek safety in

flight, and got as far as the Congaree River, where loosing his Horses, the Water being high, and hearing that Gen[l]. Marion was defeated and retired to Salisburry in North Carolina, he returned to the swamp near the Horse shoe,—

That having heard many reports of the severity of the Enemies intentions against him, and judging it the best mode to elude their search and make his escape, he did write into the commanding officer of the British for a Pardon, which pardon he did receive, but did not surrender himself personally but did keep the Pardon untill he crossed the santee some time the latter end of February and joined General Sumter who gave him a Col[o]. Command, since which he has acquitted himself of every matter committed to his charge with fidelity becoming an officer,—

That during General Barnwells Captivity, the Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged did become British subjects, the Colonel Petitioned the first of February 1781 his Petitiond was granted and a Certificate of which he received on the thirteenth of same Month,—

That it appears that General Barnwell has in every matter committed to his charge acquitted himself with fidelity and becoming an officer,—

Upon the whole your committee are of opinion that the Commission of a Col[o]. which General Pickens conferr'd on Col[o] Harden bearing date the first of January 1781 is good and Valid; and they must therefore Consider Col[o] Harden as the Elder officer at the time of General Barnwells appointment as Brigadier as stated in the Petition, and that the postponing of Colonel Hardin has excited a good deal of Murmur and discontent among the officers and privates of the Militia.

Ordered that the consideration of the above Report be postponed.—

The House proceeded to the Third reading of the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates &c[a]. agreeable to the order of the day;

On reading the Bill several amendments were made therein & clauses added thereto, which on the Question being put thereon

A Motion was made and seconded that the further reading of the Bill be postponed,—

The Question being put.

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered.—

That the further reading thereof be postpon'd till to morrow,

A Message from the Senate by their clerk in the following words vizt.—

In the Senate 17th. Febry 1782

M^{r}. Speaker & Gentlemen,

This House are of opinion that M^{r}. Joseph Palmer and Capt. Henry Felder, shou'd be added to the Commissioners for the purpose of Carrying into execution, the several matters mentioned in the report of the Committee of your House "to consider of the improvements of the inland Navigation of this state" to which they request your Concurrence.

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais
Presid^{t}.

Resolved that this House do concur in opinion with the senate, and that M^{r}. Joseph Palmer Junr. and Capt Henry Felder be added to the Number of Commissioners agreeable to their Message,

Ordered that a Message be prepared for that purpose, to be sent to the Honorable the Senate, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepar'd & is as follows vizt.—

In the House of Representatives
17th. Febry 1782

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate,/

This house have considered your Message of this date respecting the adding M^{r}. Joseph Palmer Junr. and Capt. Henry Felder to the number of commissioners for carrying into execution the several matters relative to the inland navigation of this state and are of opinion those Gentlemen shoud be added to the number,—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that M^{r}. Gibbes & M^{r}. Waring do carry the same,—

On motion, Ordered that a committee to be appointed to bring in a Bill to amerce certain persons to be therein named, and that M^{r}. Read,— M^{r}. Gibbes,— & M^{r}. Calhoun be of that committee

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Waring, Mr. William Scott, Mr. John Owen, Mr. Warham and Mr. Flagg, be a Committee to receive the Names of Persons who are proper subjects for amercement.

A Message from the Senate by their clerk returning the two Resolutions of this House of the 16th. Instant, for empowering his Excellency the Governor with the advice and consent of the council to furnish the General and other Commissioned officers of the Continental Regiments of this State with Cloathing and other necessaries &ca. with their Honors Concurrence thereto.

Resolved that every Member do attend at the Hour of Adjournment under a fine of one Guinea to be paid before he takes his Seat, unless he offers a sufficient excuse to the House.

The House then Adjourned
till to morrow Morng. 10, oClock

Monday the 18th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings.

The House resumed the adjourned reading of

The Bill for disposing of Certain Estates &ca. agreeable to the order of yesterday.—

On reading the 19th. Clause of the Bill.—

A Motion was made and seconded that the following clause be added to, and made a part of the said Bill vizt. That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor and Commander in chief by and with the advice and Consent of the Privy Council to suspend the Sale of any of the said Estates, if it shall appear to them, that the Son, Brother or Nephew being the Heir Apparent, or presumptive Heir of any of the persons mentioned in the said act, have in their opinion rendered such services to this State as to entitle him or them to the attention of the Legislature, or that he has, or they have been disinherited in consequence of his, or their attachment to the cause of America,—

A Debate arising thereupon.

The Question was put.—

The House divided.—

The Yeas went forth.

Teller for the Yeas Mr. Burke	36.	for the Nays Mr. Kean	51.

It passed in the Negative—

On the further reading of the Bill, several amendments were made therein and clauses added thereto.—

The Question being put thereon respectively they were severally agreed to,—

The Bill being read throughout.— Mr. Speaker put the same to a passing.—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be an Act.

Ordered that the act be sent to the Honble the senate for their Concurrence, and that Mr. Gibbes & Mr Waring do carry the same.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the schedule of amendments to the act to pardon the persons therein described &ca. proposed by the senate, by their Message of the 16th. Instant. requesting the Concurrence of this House thereto.— On reading the same, the first and second Clauses were disagreed to,— on reading the fourth Clause.—

Resolved that the same be agreed to.—

On Considering the third Clause,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Senate thereon.

The Question being put.—

It was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that Mr. John Rutledge and Mr. Gibbes be a Committee for that purpose,— that a Message be prepared to be sent to the senate, and that Mr. speaker do sign the same.— The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the house of Representatives 18 Febry 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate,

This House have considered your Honors Message of the 16th Instant respecting the amendments proposed to the Bill for pardoning the persons therein described, on the conditions therein mentioned, and have disagreed to the first and second amendments, have agreed to the fourth, and request your Honors will appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee appointed by this House on the Subject of the third amendment, our Committee are the Honble John Rutledge and Mr. William Hasell Gibbes,—

By Order of the House,
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Kean and Mr Calhoun do carry the same,—

Doctr. Ramsey from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Senate in free Conference on the three Clauses respecting the Legionary Corps of Colo. Hampton reported to the House, that they had conferred with a Committee of the Senate on the same, but they cou'd not prevail on the said committee to agree with the sense of this House.— On Considering the above Report,—

Resolved that this House do concur in Opinion with the Senate, in the amendments proposed by their Honors in Striking out the three Clauses, which had been restored by this House,—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,

A Message was accordingly prepar'd and is as follows vizt.—

In the House of Representatives—
February 18. 1782.

Honble Gentn. of the Senate/

This House have considered your Honors Message of the 16th Instant respecting the amendment proposed of striking out the three Clauses, restored by this House to the Bill for procuring Recruits and to prevent Desertion, and Concur in the proposed amendment,—

By Order of the House,
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

A Motion was made and Seconded that the Petition of Alexander Garden Junr. which was presented to the House Yesterday be referr'd to a committee of the following Gentlemen vizt.

Doctr. Ramsay

Genl. Gadsden	Mr. Waters—
Mr. Izard	Mr. Mc.Junkin

The Petition is as follows vizt.—

To the Honble Speaker and Gentn. of the House of Representatives,

The Petition of Alexr. Garden Junr. humbly Sheweth.—

That your petitioner inform'd of the Resolution of the House of Representatives, to confiscate the property of the adherents to the British Government, and moreover, that his Father is rank'd among the Persons falling under that description; presumes not to entreat a repeal of the decree, but with submission to their superior Judgment, begs that in Consideration of the invariable

attachment he has at all Times, and upon all Occasions, shewn to the Interests of america, that his Fathers property may not at the present period, be exposed to Sale,— The Certificate of Lieutenant Col°. Laurens, under whose Command your Petitioner has the Honor to serve, may plead in his behalf; his future actions may perhaps do more, and if allow'd to Speak from the Consciousness of a Heart devoted to his Country; he will be bold to assert; that the House of Representatives, will never remember with regret that they favour'd his request,

Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c^a &c^a.

Alex^r. Garden Junr.

The House then Adjourned
till to Morrow Morning 10, o'Clock.

Tuesday the 19th.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the act for procuring recruits and prevent desertion, which had been read three times in their House and passed,— Also the Resolutions of this House respecting the adition of M^r. Joseph Palmer Junr. and Captain Henry Felder, to the number of Commissioners for the Purpose of carrying into execution the improvement of the Inland navigation of this state with their Honors concurrence thereto,— also the other resolutions of this House, of the 14th. Instant, respecting the Instructions to the Delegates from this State, for Liquidateing and settling the accounts of this State against the United States &c^a., and to endeavour to obtain Flaggs from the commander in chief of the British army, for the Inhabitants of this state, particularly the women and children who have been sent from this state, to return with their Baggage to this State, or as near it as possible &c^a. with their Honor's concurrence thereto,—

The House then proceeded to the Consideration of the report of the committee on the Petition of the Executors of the late Col°. Hayne,— On reading the report, after some time spent in Debate.

The Question being put,—

The report was disagreed to.

The House then proceeded to the Consideration of the Report of the committee on the 13th. Instant, respecting the Dischargeing the state Troops and making provision for payment of them;

On reading the first part of said report, as far as the word "Business" the same was agreed to,— On the further reading thereof

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the remainder of the said Report be struck out,—

A Debate arose thereon.—

The Question was put,—

It was carried in the affirmative

The remainder of the clause was accordingly struck out.

A motion was made and Seconded, that the following clause be adopted instead thereof vizt. "and that the Governor with the "advice and Consent of the Privy Council, be required upon the "Liquidation of the said accounts to order such a Number of "negroes as shall appear to be due, to be forthwith delivered to "the Brigadiers Sumpter and Pickens for payment of the said "Troops after some debate thereupon.—

The Question being put.—

It was carried in the affirmative.—

Ordered that a Copy of the above report be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that a Message be prepared for that purpose and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepared Viz^{t}:

In the House of Representatives Febry 19th. 1782.

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate./

In answer to your Message of the 8th Instant accompanied with two Resolutions, respecting the discharging such of the State Troops whose time of service shall be expired, and making provision for payment of the Bounty due to those who have not receiv'd the same,— This House inform your Honors, that this House have disagreed to those Resolutions, and herewith send you the report of the Committee of this House, and request your Honors Concurrence thereto.—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that M^{r}. Owen and M^{r}. Jones do carry the same.—

Doct^{r}. Ramsay from the committee on the Petition of Alexander Garden Junr. informed the House, that the Committee were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.— That they have carefully enquired into the allegations contained

in the same, and believe them to be true, they are satisfied that your Petitioner is sincerely attached to the liberties of America, and they farther believe that this attachment is not lately taken up from Ideas of present convenience and interest, but founded on principle as they are informed by the Honble John Lloy'd and others,—That your Petitioner when a Youth at School in Europe, has often been heard to express his most hearty Approbation of American Measures, and his most Cordial wishes to be in a situation to Co-Operate with his Country men in the defence of their injured rights,— Your Committee are of Opinion, that no lasting inconvenience can arise to the Publick, from deferring the sale of the estate of Doct^r Garden, as the property is by the Confiscation act, Transferred to the Publick, and at their disposal,—On the other hand, shoud a sale take place, and the Father of your Petitioner quit the Country with his moveable property,— Your Petitioner who is now dayly exposing his life in your defence, would in that case, be reduced to great difficulties, and as the sale is to be on long Credit, it woud be inconvenient for the Legislature to make him any Suitable restitution for his imediate support,— Your Committee therefore Unanimously recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted.—

Ordered that the Consideration of the foregoing report be postponed,

M^r. Read from the committee appointed to bring in a Bill for amercing certain persons therein mentioned informed the House, that the committee had prepared a Bill for that purpose, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read the Title of the Bill and delivered it in at the clerks Table, where it was read the first time.

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time.

On Motion made and Seconded the 16th Instant the following Resolutions were introduced, but the consideration thereof were postponed,— and on considering of them to day were agreed to vizt.

Resolved, that John Owen, John Blake and Thomas Jones Esquires be Commissioners to audit and Liquidate all accounts & demands whatsoever against this State and to prepare an Estimate of the publick Debt.— That for the better accommodation of Publick Creditors, the said Commissioners or a Majority of them, repair to each District of the State, fix on some convenient places therein and on the times for receiving a state of Demands

against the Publick, and that they remain twenty days in each District in order to receive and Liquidate demands,— That they forthwith give publick notice (by printed hand Bills which they shall cause to be circulated throughout the State) of the times and places, when and where they will meet for that purpose in order that all persons whom it concerns, may be sufficiently apprized of such meetings and be prepared to attend them and support their Claims by proper proofs or Vouchers,— That the said Commissioners or a Majority of them also Liquidate and prepare a State of the publick debt, for money borrowed and Interest thereon,— That they also prepare an account of the demand of this State against the United States, and that this Estimate and acco^{t}. be Liquidated in specie according to the Value of the Money borrowed or advanced, and the articles furnished at the respective times of borrowing or advancing the said Money or furnishing such supplies,—

And that the said Commissioners present their Estimate and acco^{t}. to both branches of the Legislature at its next meeting, to the end, that this House, may devise Ways and Means for payment or secureing payment of the publick debt. And that the necessary steps be taken for obtaining a settlement with the Honble the Congress.—

Resolved that this House will make provision for payment of such Travelling charges, and other reasonable expences as the said Commissioners shall incurr in the execution of the business above mentioned—

Ordered that the above Resolutions be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, and that a Message be prepared, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same, the following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of representatives Febry 19th. 1782.

Honble Gent. of the Senate/

This House herewith send you several Resolutions for the purpose of appointing Commissioners to audit & Liquidate all accounts and demands whatsoever against this state and to prepare an Estimate of the publick debt &c^{a}. to which this House desires your Honors Concurrence.

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that M^{r}. Owen and M^{r}. Jones do wait on the Honble the Senate with the foregoing Message and Resolutions.—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to his Excellency the Governor, in answer to his Messages of the 12th. and 15th Instant, and that copies of the Resolutions of this House of the 16th Instant respecting the Cloathing for the General Officers, and other Commissioned officers of the Continental Regiments of this State &ca. as concurr'd to by the senate, together with the List of persons nominated as Justices of the Peace, for the several Districts of this State, and also the List of the Sheriffs be likewise sent to his Excellency.— The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feby 19th. 1782.

In answer to your Excellencys Message of the 12th. instant respecting the furnishing the Army with a Number of negroes, agreeable to the request of Major General Greene,—

This House acquaint your Excellency that an act has been read three times in this House (and now lies with the Senate) for supplying the army with four Hundred and forty negroes as waggoners, Pioneers, Artificers and servants for the officers,—

And this House have also Resolved that these negroes shall have the same allowance of cloathing and pay as is given to the soldiers of the continental army,— In answer likewise to your Excellencys Message of the 15th. Instant desiring that a commissary with a sufficient Number of assistants may be appointed with Monthly allowances,— This House acquaint your Excellency that an act is now engrossed and will be shortly ratified, empowering your Excellency with the advice and Consent of the Privy Council from time to time to appoint a Sufficient number of fit and proper Persons in different parts of the state, as Agents or Commissioners to procure supplies and to give such a sallary as may be thought requisite for such persons service,— Your Excelly. will herewith receive two Resolutions of the General assembly, requesting that you wou'd take the Speediest and most effectual methods of furnishing each General Officer, and other Commissioned officers of the Continental Regiments of this state, as well those who are reduced as those in actual service with a Compleat suit of cloaths, as a Compliment from this State,— and with any further cloathing and necessaries they may want. for which they are to account at the prices usual when their pay was Originaly fixed,— Your Excellency will also herewith receive a List of those persons who have been nominated by the senate and this House Justices of the Peace for the several Districts of

this State, and also a List of such Persons as have been Elected Sheriffs for the different Districts (Orangeburgh excepted) the person who was Elected for that district having declined accepting that office, which Officers, the Constitution directs shall be commissioned by the Governor and Council.

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Copies of the Resolutions of this House as concurred in by the senate, respecting the purchasing of Provisions for the widows and orphans of persons killed and disabled in the Service of this State, and for the use of the Catawba Indians— be sent to his Excellency,— The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

[A blank space was left here for the message to be recorded, but that was never done.—Editor.]

The House then adjourned till to morrow morn^{g}, 10. °Clock

Wednesday 20th.

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays Proceedings—

The House proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on the Petition of sundry of the Field Officers and Privates of the Upper and Lower Granville and Colleton County Regiments,—

On reading the first clause of the Report,—

A motion was made and seconded, that the same be struck out and the following Words inserted instead thereof vizt. "That "in their opinion the appointment lay with the Governor and "Council, and that there does not appear any reason sufficient "for this House to Address the Governor to alter his Appoint-"ment."

A Debate arising thereupon,— and

The Question being put,—

It was carried in the affirmative

The Clause was Struck out accordingly.—

The remainder of the report being read, and

The Question put thereon,—

It was disagreed to—

M^{r}. Speaker then put the Question on the report as amended,—

The same was agreed to.—

Mr. Owen reported that Mr. Jones & himself had delivered to the senate the several matters they had in charge,—

The House proceeded to the second reading of the Bill for amercing Certain Persons therein named,— on reading the first clause of the Bill,—

A Motion was made and Seconded that the further reading thereof, be postponed.—

The Question being put

It was Carried in the affirmative

And then the House
Adjourned till to Morrow
Morning 9, 'O, Clock.

Thursday February 21st

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings—

The House proceeded to the second reading of the Bill for Amercing Certain persons &ca.— On reading the Bill, some amendments were made therein,—

The Question being put thereon, they were severally agreed to,—

On Reading the List annexed to the said Bill.—

A motion was made and seconded that the further reading of the Bill be postponed,—

The Question being put, it was carried in the affirmative,—

A Message from the senate by their clerk in the words following vizt.

In the Senate February 21st, 1782

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen/

According to your Message of the 19th. Instant, this House have appointed a Committee, to confer with a Committee of your House, on the subject of the third amendment proposed to the "Bill for pardoning Certain persons therein described and "on the Conditions therein mentioned, our Committee are Mr. Lloy'd, Mr. Samuel Smith,—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais Presidt.

Another Message from the Senate, by their Clerk together with a Schedule of Amendments to the Bill for disposing of certain Estates and Banishing Certain persons therein mentioned, The Message was in the following words vizt.

In the Senate February 21st, 1782.

Mr. Speaker & Gentn./

This House herewith send you a schedule of amendments to the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing Certain Persons therein mentioned, to which they request the Concurrence of your House,

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais.—
President

Ordered that the House do immediately take into Consideration the Schedule of amendments proposed by the Senate to the act for disposing of Certain Estates, and Banishing certain persons,— on reading the same, some amendments were agreed to, and others were disagreed to,—

Ordered that the said Schedule of amendments, as agreed or disagreed to, by the House be return'd to the Honorable the Senate, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feby 21st. 1782.

Honble Gent. of the Senate./

This House have Considered your Message of this date with the Schedule of Amendments proposed by your Honors, to the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates, and Banishing Certain persons, and herewith return you the Schedule, as the same has been agreed or disagreed to by this House.—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Doctr Ramsay and Major Hyrne do wait on the Senate with the above Message and Schedule,—

A Message from the senate by their clerk, in the following words vizt.—

In the Senate 21st Febry 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gentn./

This House have Considered your Message of Yesterday, and the report of your Committee respecting the discharge of those State troops whose time of Service are expired, and are of opinion that the last Clause shou'd be amended by adding after the words "for payment of the said Troops", and likewise such

Cloathing as shall appear to be still due them, to which they request your Concurrence,

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais Presid^{t}.

Ordered that the foregoing Message be taken into consid^{n}. immediately.

On Reading the said Report, the amendment proposed by the Senate was agreed to,—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate, to request their Honors would amend the report by adding the words propos'd by their House,— And that M^{r}. Speaker do Sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt

In the House of Representatives feb^{y} 21. 1782—

Honble Gent. of the Senate./

This House have considered your Message of this day respecting the discharging of the State Troops &c^{a}., and the amendments proposed by your Honors to the report of the Committee of this House, as agreed to by this House, which had been sent to your Honors for your Concurrence, and this House have agreed to the proposed amendment,—

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Doct^{r}. Ramsay reported that Major Hyrne and himself had delivered to the Senate, the message they had in charge—

The House then Adjourn'd
till to morrow Morning 9, '^{o}Clock.

Friday the 22^{d};

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings

The House resumed the adjourn'd consideration of the Schedule of names annexed to the Bill entitled a Bill for amercing Certain persons &c^{a}. which was postponed Yesterday,— after some time spent therein,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the further reading thereof be post-poned,—

It was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that the further reading of the said Schedule be post poned,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 22d: February 1782.

Mr. Speaker and Gent./

This House have Considered the Schedule of amendments as agreed, and disagreed to by your House to "The Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and Banishing Certain Persons," and request that your House will appoint a committee to confer with a Committee appointed by this House on the Subject of amending the Seventeenth and Twentieth Clauses, and adding the name of William Blake to the List Number one, Our Committee are Mr. Smith, Mr. Lloy'd and Mr. Bee.

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais presidt.

Ordered that the foregoing Message be taken into consideration immediately,— On considering the foregoing Message,—

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of the Senate in free conference on the amendments proposed by that House to the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and Banishing certain persons, and that Mr. Edward Rutledge, Doctr. Ramsay and Mr. Izard be a Committee for that purpose,—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Senate for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepared Vizt.

In the House of Representatives

Honble Gentlemen of the Senate./

This House have Considered your Message of this day, in answer thereto inform your Honors, that this House have agreed to the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the amendments proposed by your House, to the Bill for disposing of Certain estates and banishing Certain persons therein mentioned, our Committee are Mr. Edward Rutledge, Doctr Ramsay and Mr. Izard.

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rutledge and Dr. Ramsay do wait on the Honble the Senate with the above Message.—

The House then resum'd the Consideration of the Schedule annexed to the Bill for amercing Certain persons the same being gone thro.'—

A Motion was made and seconded, that leave be given, at the third reading of the Bill, to bring in a Clause to ascertain and fix the Estates of Persons mention'd in the said Bill, to a Certain day,—

Ordered that leave be given to bring in such Clause,—

The Bill being read thro'.

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honorable the senate and that Mr. Scott and Captain Read, do carry the same,—

Mr. Scott reported that Capt. Read and himself had delivered to the Senate the Bill they had in charge,—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in the following words vizt.

Mr. Speaker & Gent.—

I beg leave to lay before you, the Copy of a Letter from Colo. Hammond and recommend it to your Consideration

February 22d. 1782.— Jno. Mathews

Copy of a Letter from Colo. Hammond,

Camp Larks plantn. Febry 1782

Sir./

The term which I engaged the Troops for which are now under my command is nearly expired, and as I have not yet been informed where their pay is to come from, nor the mode of payment, hope your Excellency will inform me per Lieutenant Beale of both; and if the Officers (agreeable to promise) are to have any clothing, I hope you will contrive some method for the getting of them, as they have not had any yet, if the Regiment you spoke of in your favour of September 17th. 1781— are to be allow'd of,— the men may be soon engaged as the most of the Regiment on the present establishment are willing to engage for the Bounty and Wages you mentioned; I wish you coud spare me a little writing Paper, if it is to spare Lieutenant Beale will wait on you for it.—

I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect

Your very obedient servant.

Saml. Hammond—

To his Excellency John Rutledge Esqr.

Ordered that the Message above mentioned from his Excellency the Governor with the copy of Colo Hammonds Letter accompanying it be referred to the following Committee vizt.—

Mr. John Rutledge

Colo Leroy Hammond, & Mr Edward Rutledge

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the report of the Committee of this House, to whom was referr'd the Message and resolutions of the Senate respecting the discharging the State Troops whose times were expired &ca. which had been agreed by this House & sent to their Honor's for Concurrence; with their Honor's Concurrence thereto.

Ordered that a copy of the said Report with the Resolution of the Senate be sent to his Excellency the Governor that a message be prepared & that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared and is as follows,—

In the House of Representatives Febry 22d. 1782.

Your Excellency will herewith receive the copy of a Report of a Committee of this House respecting the discharge of such of the State Troops, whose Time of service shall be expired and the mode to be adopted for settling the accounts of those corps and paying what may appear to be due them on Liquidating the accounts which Report was agreed to by this House and has been concurr'd in by the Senate.—

His Excellency By Order of the House
The Governor. Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Thomas Waring do wait on his Excellency with the foregoing Message,—

Mr. Gibbes reported that Mr. Waring and himself had delivered to his Excellency the Message and report, which they had in Charge,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate February 22d, 1782

Mr. Speaker and Gent./

This House send you herewith the report of a Committee as agreed to by this House on the Petition of the Execors of the late Colo Isaac Hayne, praying to grant them some assistance to rebuild the Iron Works destroyed by the Enemy to which this House request the Concurrence of your House,—

By Order of the senate
John Lewis Gervais Presidt.

Copy of the Report which accompanied the foregoing messa.

The Committee appointed to Consider of the Petition for the Executors of the late Colo Hayne,—

Report.

That it is their opinion that the rebuilding of the Iron works mentioned in the said Petition wou'd tend very much to the benefit of the Inhabitants, in that part of the Country, they woul'd therefore recommend, That Fifty working negroes, which may be reserved out of the confiscated Estates (should confiscation take place) as a Bounty for the second year service of our

Troops, be lent to the said Execors to be employed in rebuilding the said Works, on condition that they give security to the Treasurers for the redelivery of the said negroes when called for, and that they supply said Negroes with necessary Cloathing and Provisions,—

In the Senate 21st February 1782.

Resolved that this House do agree with the above report

Ordered that the Report be sent to the House of Representatives for their Concurrence.—

Ordered that the Consideration of the foregoing Message be post poned till to morrow.—

The House then adjourn'd
till to Morrow Morning 9. 'oClock.

Saturday the 23d.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterdays proceedings.—

The House took up the Consideration of the Message from the Senate yesterday,— and of the report of the Committee of their House, which accompanied the Same respecting the rebuilding of the Iron Works mentioned in the Petition of the Executors of the late Colo Hayne. after some debate thereon,

The Question being put,—

The House devided

The Yeas went forth.

For agreeing with the report 36 Against it 46

Teller for the Yeas Mr. Calhoun	For the Nays Mr. Dart

It passed in the Negative

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate acquainting them thereof, and that Mr. speaker do sign the same.—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt

In the House of Representatives Febry 23d, 1782—

Honble Gentn. of the Senate./

This House have considered your Message of Yesterday and the report accompanying it, relative to the Petition of Colo. Isaac Haynes's Executers & in answer thereto inform your Honors that this House have disagreed to the said Report.—

By Order of the House.
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Scott and Mr Broughton do carry the same.

Mr. Edward Rutledge from the Committee appointed to Confer with the Committee from the Senate, on the schedule of amendments proposed to be made in the "Bill for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing certain persons therein mentiond"

Report, That the 17th. clause be amended by inserting in the 12th. line immediately after the words appertain, *and if the said Legislature shall not Liquidate the said demands agreeable to the claimant, such claimant shall have an action against the said commissioners and the account sales of the Estates of the persons mentioned in this act shall be respectively liable to satisfy the said demands.*— That the 20th. Clause be amended by inserting in the 13th. line the Words "*sold or shall testify upon oath or affirmation that they neither have or can obtain the plats required by the said Commissioners*, and to strike out the words, or in case the said owners "cannot be found by the said Commissioners they".—To Strike out the name William Blake.

Ordered that the House do take into consideration the foregoing Report and Schedule of amendments immediately, The same being read was agreed to.—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the senate, to acquaint their Honors thereof and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt

In the House of Representatives Febry 23d. 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate/

This House have considered the report of the Commee ot this House, appointed to confer with a Committee of your House on the Schedule of amendments, proposed by your Honors, to be made to the Bill for disposing of Certain Estates, and banishing certain persons therein mentioned, and agree to the said Report, a Copy whereof is herewith sent, and which this House desire your Honors will be pleased to insert in the said Bill,—

By Order of the House,—
Hugh Rutledge speaker

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rutledge and Mr. Gibbes do wait on the Honble the senate with the above Message and Report

Mr. Edward Rutledge reported that Mr. Gibbes and himself had delivered to the senate, the above Message and report which they had in Charge.—

Mr. Scott reported that Mr. Broughton and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in Charge.—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk with the Bill for Vesting in the Congress of the United States a power to levy the Duties of five ℘er Cent ad Valorem on certain Goods and Merchandize imported into this State, and on prizes and Prize Goods condemned in the court of admiralty of this State and for appropriating the same, which Bill originated, and was read twice in their House,—

Ordered that the Bill be read immediately.—

The Bill for vesting in the Congress of the United States, a power to Levy the duty of five per Cent ad valorem, on Certain Goods and Merchandize &ca. was read a first time in this House

Ordered that the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow.

Colo LeRoy Hammond from the Committee on the Letter of Colo. Samuel Hammond, and the Message of his Excellency the Governor accompanying the same, informed the House, that the committee were ready to report if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it,— He accordingly read the report in his place and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.— That the first part of the Letter respecting the pay and Cloathing of that Regiment is already provided for by the House,— with regard to reinlistment of the Men, and the Continuance of that Corps, Your committee recommend that the Governor be requested to take the Speediest and most effectual Method to enable Colo Hammond to recruit Eighty Dragoons for three Years or the war,— On the Terms of Fifty Dollars Bounty and a Monthly pay of Twenty Dollars, with the usual Cloathing and rations agreeable to the Instructions of the late Governor on that Subject.

Ordered that the Consideration of the above report be post pon'd till to morrow.

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk, returning the Bill for Amercing Certain Persons, which had been read twice in their House,—

Ordered that the House do proceed to the third reading of the Bill for amercing certain persons,— on reading the Bill several amendments were made therein and Clauses added thereto, which on.—

The Question being put thereon, were severally agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then put the Bill to a passing—

Resolved that the Bill do pass, and that the Title thereof be an Act.

Ordered that the Act be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that Doctr Ramsay and Mr. Calhoun do carry the same.

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 23rd. Febry 1782.

Mr. Speaker & Gent.

This House herewith send you a resolution for postponing the sale of Several Estates Confiscated by the "act for disposing of Certain Estates and Banishing Certain persons therein mentioned" untill the next meeting of the General assembly; and requiring the Commissioners to be appointed by said act to make out Inventories of the aforesaid Estates, and to deliver them to the Commissioners of the Treasury,— To which this House request the Concurrence of your House,—

By Order of the Senate
John Lewis Gervais Presidt.

The foregoing Message was accompanied with the following Resolution vizt.

In the Senate 21st February 1782.

Resolved that the sale of the Estates both real and personal of Doctr. Alexander Garden, Alexander Harvey and Paul Hamilton Senr. and the Platation of Gideon Dupont, Junr. upon which Corns. Dupont now resides, and all the Moveables upon it except the Negroes be postponed till the next meeting of the General assembly, and that the commissioners appointed by an act for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing certain Persons therein mentioned, shall make as soon as may be Inventories with an appraisement of the aforesaid Estates, and shall deliver the same to the Commissioners of the Treasury.—

Ordered that the above Resolution be sent to the House of Representatives for their Concurrence,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the foregoing Message and Resolution be post pond till to morrow,—

A Message from the senate by their clerk, returning a Bill entitled an act for disposing of Certain Estates and banishing Certain persons, and a Bill entitled an Act for empowering Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson and John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate of the value of Ten thousand Guineas in Trust and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene,

which had been severally read a third time in their House and passed

Ordered that the said Bills be forthwith engrossed,—

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rutledge and Mr— Gibbes be a Committee to compare with a Committee of the senate the several Bills which are engrossed vizt: an act for the regulation of the Militia, an act for empowering Thomas Ferguson Morton Wilkinson and John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate of the Value of Ten thousand Guineas in trust and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene, An act for furnishing supplies for the army to the Value of 373,598 Mexican Dollars &ca., an act to prevent the Commencement of Suits for the recovery of the Debts for the time on the Conditions therein mentioned, and the act for Holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the several Districts in this State and for making out a new Jury list.

And then the House adjourned
till to morrow morning 10 °Clock.

Sunday 24th.

The House met according to Adjournment

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings,—

General Gadsden from the Committee to devise Ways and Means for raising a Sum of Money for defraying the expences of the Delegates of this State in Congress agreeable to the Resolution of this House, inform'd the House that the Committee were ready to report if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, He accordingly read, the report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as follows, vizt.

They recommend that his Excellency the Governor be desired to order the expences of the Delegates to be taken out of any fund already provided or that may be provided during this Session of the assembly,—

Ordered, That the foregoing Report be considered immediately.—

Resolved, That this House do agree to the above report,—

Ordered, That the above report and resolution be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepar'd to be sent therewith, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the Same,

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.—

In the House of Representatives—
February 24. 1782

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate/

This House herewith send you the report of a Committee appointed to devise ways and means for raising a sum of Money for defraying the Expences of the Delegates of this State in Congress as the same has been agreed to by this House, to which this House desire your Honors concurrence.

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Doct^{r}. Ramsay and M^{r}. Calhoun do wait on the Senate with the above Message and Resolution,—

The Bill for Vesting in the Congress of the United States a power to levy the duty of Five per Cent ad Valorem on Certain Goods and Merchandize &c^{a}. was read a Second time agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, the Bill being read thro', no debate arising thereon,

Ordered that the Bill be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that Doct^{r} Ramsay and M^{r}. Calhoun do carry the same,

Doct^{r}. Ramsay from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Senate in free conference on an Amendment proposed by the Senate to the first Clause of the third Page of a Bill for Pardoning certain Persons therein described informed the House, that the Committee were ready to report if the House woud be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the Report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.— That they have conferred with a Committee of the Senate on the Subject, and in their opinion, the proposed amendment shoud not be inserted.—

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into Consideration immediately

The Report being taken into Consideration

Resolved that this House do agree to the said Report,—

Ordered, That a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate, on that Subject and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the Same, the following Message was accordingly prepared, vizt.—

In the House of Representatives
February 24th 1782—

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate.—

This House have Considered the report of their Committee, appointed to meet a Committee from your House in free Confer-

ence on the amendment proposed by your Honors to be made to the first Clause of the third page of the "Bill for Pardoning Certain persons therein described" and have agreed with the Report of the committee, that the amendment should not be inserted

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that Mr. Gibbes and Doctr. Ramsay do carry the same.

Doctr Ramsay reported that Mr. Calhoun and himself had delivered to the Senate the several matters they had in charge.—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor in the following words vizt.—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen

I herewith send you a copy of a Letter just received from Colo Hampton; and request to know your determination thereon, February 24th. 1782. John Mathews

The above Message was accompanied with the following Letter. vizt.

Sir/

The 10th September last I received instructions from his Excellency the late Governor for raising a Regiment of Cavalry to consist of Four Troops. In consequence of which I have inlisted upwards of Eighty men for the War or three Years, have procured a Number of Horses, Saddles, and other accoutrements suitable for Cavalry, and have taken measures to procure cloathing sufficient to compleat the whole regiment, as it seem'd to be the opinion that prevail'd generally that Infantry were more immediately wanted than Cavalry, I laid a plan before the Legislature for reducing the Corps to two Troops of Cavalry, and two companies of Infantry, and for adding to their pay, a negroe at the expiration of their Time of Service; This however was not agreed to.

It is thought unnecessary to continue the Regiment on the present establishment, and that the men already enlisted are not wanted, I cou'd wish your Excellency would be pleased to give orders for discharging them and make provision to defray such expence as has unavoidably been incurr'd./ I am Sr. Your Excellys most Obedt. Humble Servant,—W. Hampton

Febry 22d. 1782

His Excelly Govr. Mathews,—

Ordered that the Consideration of the foregoing Message and Letter be postponed,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the Bill entitled an act to vest in the Congress of the United States a power to levy a duty of five per Cent ad Valorem on Certain Goods and Merchandize imported into this State, and on prizes and prize Goods, &c^{a}., which originated in and had been read three times in their House and passed,—

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time in this House to morrow,—

M^{r}. Gibbes reported that Doct^{r} Ramsay and himself had delivered to the senate, the Message they had in charge,—

M^{r}. Edward Rutledge reported that M^{r}. Gibbes and himself had Compared the engrossed Bills with the Committee of the Senate and found them right.

Ordered that M^{r}. Gibbes and Mr Edward Rutledge be a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate to wait on his Excellency the Governor to receive the Great Seal to be affixed to the Several Laws above mentioned.—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 24th Febry 1782—

M^{r}. Speaker & Gent./

This House herewith send you a schedule of Amendments to the "Bill for Amercing certain persons therein mentioned" to which this House request the Concurrence of your House,—

By Order of the House
John Lewis Gervais
Presid^{t},

Ordered that the above Message together with the schedule of amendments accompanying the same be taken into Consideration immediately.—

On reading the said Schedule, some of the amendments propos'd by the senate were agreed to, and others were disagreed to—

A Motion was made and Seconded that a Committee be appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate on such amendments proposed by their Honors as are disagreed to by this House.

Ordered that such a Committee be appointed, that a Message be prepared and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same.

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives 24 feb^{y}. 1782.

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate/

This House have considered your Honors Message of Yesterday, and the amendments proposed to be made in the Bill for amercing Certain Persons, some of which were agreed to, and others disagreed to, this House therefore request your Honors will appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House, on the subject of the said amendments which have been disagreed to by this House our committee are,—Genl. Gadsden, Doct^{r} Ramsay & Col Grimke

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that General Gadsden and Doct^{r} Ramsay do carry the Same.—

A Message from the senate by their clerk, returning a Bill entitled an act, for pardoning the Persons therein described &c^{a}. which had been read a third time in their House and passed.

Ordered that the said Bill be forthwith ingrossed—

The Senate also return'd by their Clerk the report of the Committee of this House to devise ways and means for raising a sum of Money for defraying the expence of the Delegates of this State in Congress, with the Resolution of this House, for agreeing to the said Report,—together with their Honors concurrence thereto,

Ordered, that a Copy of the said Report and resolutions be sent to his Excellency the Governor, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives Feby. 24th. 1782

Your Excellency will receive herewith the Copy of a Report of a Committee of this House, as the same has been agreed to by this House and concurred in by the Senate, devising ways and means for raising a sum of Money for defraying the expences of the Delegates of this State in Congress,—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered, that M^{r}. Gibbes and M^{r}. Edward Rutledge do wait on his Excellency with the above Message

Mr. Gibbes reported that Mr. Edward Rutledge and himself had waited on his Excellency the Governor with the Message they had in Charge,—

The House then adjourned
till to morrow Morng. 9. 'oClock.

Monday 25th

The House met according to Adjournment.

Read the Journals of yesterdays proceedings,—

The Bill entitled an act to vest in the Congress of the United States a power to levy a Duty of five ℘er Cent ad Valorem on certain Goods and Merchandize imported into this State & on Prizes and prize Goods, &ca. which had been read three times in the Senate, and passed in their House, was read a third time agreeable to the order of yesterday.—

The Bill being put to a passing by Mr. Speaker.—

Resolved that the Bill do pass and that the Title thereof be an act.—

Ordered, that the act be sent to the Honble the senate and that General Gadsden and Doctr. Ramsay do carry the same.

An Ordinance for repealing the admiralty act, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was introduced and read a First and Second time in this House,—

Ordered, That the Ordinance be sent to the honble the Senate,—and that Mr. Jacob Read and Colo. Hampton do carry the same,—

Mr. Jacob Read reported that Colo Hampton and himself had delivered to the Senate the Ordinance they had in Charge.—

Genl. Gadsden reported that Doctr. Ramsay and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message & Bill they had in Charge.—

A motion was made and Seconded that the House do come into the following resolutions vizt.—

In the House of Representatives feby. 25th. 1782

Resolved that the Governor be impowered and requested to Cause the Money Subscribed and paid (on the Guarantee of Congress) for relief of the indigent Citizens of this State who were sent by the Enemy to Philadelphia to be reimbursed with Interest out of such Funds as shall appear to him most proper, for that purpose as soon as the same can conveniently be done,

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be further empowered and requested to make necessary provision for the

support of such of those Citizens as he with the advice and Consent of the Privy Council shall think really stand in need of the same,—

Ordered, that the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Honorable the senate, for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same.—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives—
February 25, 1782

Honble Gentn. of the Senate—

This House herewith send you two resolutions empowering his Excellency the Governor to reimburse with Interest all such monies as have been subscribed and paid on the Guarantee of Congress for the relief of the indigent Citizens of this State sent to Philadelphia, as soon as it can conveniently be done,— and make necessary provision for the support of such who are yet there, as he with the advice and consent of the Privy Council shall think realy stand in need of the same.

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Dart and Mr. Rapley do carry the same.—

Mr. Dart reported that Mr. Rapley and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message and Resolutions they had in charge,—

A Message from the Senate by their clerk, returning the Ordinance for repealing the admiralty act, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which was read a first and Second time in their House,—

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk in the following words vizt.

In the Senate 25th. February 1782—

Mr. Speaker & Gent./

This House have appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of your House, on the subject of the amendments proposed by this House to be made in the "Bill for amercing certain persons, and disagreed to by your House, our committee are Mr. Samuel Smith, Colo Harden and Genl. Sumter.

By Order of the Senate,
John Lewis Gervais,
Presidt.

Genl Gadsden from the committee of conference on the schedule of amendments proposed by the senate to be made in

the Bill for amercing certain persons, inform'd the House, that the committee were ready to report, if the House wou'd be pleased to receive it, he accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it at the Clerks Table, where it was again read, and is as follows vizt.

That the committee have agreed to strike out the name of Daniel Huger and Richard Guerard, But your committee wou'd not agree to add the name of Charles Augustus Steward, and the committee of the Senate woud not agree to strike it out,—

Ordered that the said report be taken into Consideration immediately,—

The Report being read, the first clause for striking out the names of Daniel Huger and Richard Guerard was agreed to, and the last was disagreed to.—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Senate to acquaint them thereof, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,— The following Message was accordingly prepar'd vizt.—

In the House of Representatives.

Febry 25, 1782—

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate,/

This House have considered the report of their committee on the conference with your committee on the amendments proposed by your Honors to be made to the Bill for amercing certain persons therein mentioned, and have agreed with the first Clause for striking out the names of Daniel Huger and Richard Guerard, and disagreed to the Last, this House therefore request your Honors woul'd be pleased to add the name of Charles Augustus Steward, to the list.

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that M^{r}. Owen and M^{r}. Rapley do wait on the Senate with the foregoing message,—

M^{r}. Owen reported that M^{r}. Rapley and himself had delivered to the Senate, the Message they had in Charge.

The Senate return'd by their clerk the act for amercing certain persons therein mentioned, which had been read three times in their House and passed,—

Ordered, that the Bill be forthwith engrossed.

The House then adjourned
till tomorrow Morning 9. ^{o}Clock

Tuesday 26th,

The House met according to adjournment.

Read the Journals of Yesterday's proceedings—

The Ordinance for repealing the admiralty act, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time in this House,—

Mr. Speaker then put the Ordinance to a passing.—

Resolved that the Ordinance do pass.—

Ordered that the Ordinance be sent to the Honble the Senate, and that Mr. Jacob Read and Mr. Gibbes do carry the same,—

Mr. Read reported that Mr. Gibbes and himself had delivered to the Senate the Ordinance they had in charge.—

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rutledge and Mr. Gibbes be a Committee, to compare with a committee of the Senate, the several Bills which are engrossed vizt. The Bill for regulation of the Militia, The Bill for disposing of certain Estates and Banishing Certain Persons therein mentioned,—The Bill for pardoning the Persons therein described,—The Bill to procure recruits and prevent desertion, The Bill to prevent the commencement of suits for the recovery of Debts &ca.—The Bill for furnishing supplies for the Army to the Amount of 373,598 Mexican Dollars &ca.—The Bill for holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the Several Districts of this State,—The Bill for empowering Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson and John Ward to purchase an Estate of the value of Ten Thousand Guineas, in Trust and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene, the Bill for amercing Certain persons therein mentioned,—

Mr. Edward Rutledge reported that Mr. Gibbes and himself had Compared the aforesaid ingrossed Bills, with the Committee from the Senate, & found them right,

Ordered, that Mr. Dart and Mr. Scott be a Committee to join a Committee of the Senate, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to receive the Great Seal, to be affixed to the several Laws above mentioned,

A Message from the Senate by their Clerk,—

In the Senate 25th February 1782.

Mr. Speaker and Gent./

This House are of Opinion that the resolves agreed to by your House, for liquidating and auditing the public accounts,

should be amended as per Schedule sent herewith, to which this House request the Concurrence of your House,

By Order the Senate.
John Lewis Gervais pres^{t}.

The Message was accompanied with the Resolutions of this House for appointing Commissioners to audit and Liquidate the publick accounts &c^{a}. together with a schedule of amendments proposed by their House to be made in the said Resolutions,—

Ordered that the Said Schedule of amendments be taken into consideration, immediately,—

On reading the said amendments, the first and third were agreed to, and the following words in the second vizt. that all accounts against the publick should be liquidated in Specie, and disagreed to the rest of that amendment.—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate, acquainting them therewith, and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same;

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives
Febry 26, 1782.

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate,

This House have considered your Message of yesterday respecting the Resolutions of this House for appointing Commissioners to audit and Liquidate the Publick accounts with the schedule of amendments accompanying the same, as proposed by your Honors, and have agreed to the first and third amendment; and the following words in the second vizt. that all accounts against the Publick shall be liquidated in Specie, and have disagreed to the remainder of that amendment, but request your Honors woud be pleased to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of this House in free conference on that part of the amendment which is disagreed to,—Our Committee are M^{r}. Gadsden and Col^{o}. Hammond,—

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that M^{r}. Gadsden and Col^{o} Hammond do wait on the senate with the above message &c^{a}.

A Motion was made and seconded that the House do come into the following Resolution vizt.

In the House of Representatives feb^{y} 26, 1782

Resolved.—

That the commissioners for Auditing and Liquidating the Publick accounts, allow no claim or demand against the state, unless the Person making such claim shall declare on oath or affirmation according to the form of his profession that he hath never taken as plunder, or forfeited, any property belonging to the Inhabitants of this State, and that where it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners that any Person hath done so, they shall reject the said Demand,—

The Question being put—

It was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be sent to the Honble the Senate for their Concurrence, that a Message be prepared for that purpose and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same.—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives
Febry 26th. 1782.

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate.—

This House herewith send you a resolution of this House, to which they request your Honors Concurrence.

By Order of the House.
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Genl. Gadsden and Col^{o}. Hammond do carry the Same.—

General Gadsden reported, that Col^{o}. Hammond and himself had delivered to the Senate the Several Matters they had in Charge,—

The Senate return'd by their Clerk the Ordinance for repealing the Admiralty Act &c^{a}. which was read three times in their House, and passed,—

Ordered, That the Ordinance be forthwith engross^{d}.

Ordered, That M^{r}. Read and M^{r}. Gibbes be a Committee to Compare with a Committee of the senate the foregoing Ordinance, and the Bill for empowering the Congress of the United States to levy a Duty of five per Cent ad Valorem on Certain Goods and Merchandize and on Prizes and Prize Goods &c^{a}. and to wait on his Excellency the Governor together with said Committee to receive the great seal to be affixed to the said Ordinance and Bill which they reported to have Compared and found right,—

Genl. Gadsden from the Committee appointed to Confer with the committee of the Senate on the schedule of amendments to be made in the Resolutions for appointing commissioners to audit and Liquidate the Publick accounts, inform'd the House that the Committee were ready to report, if the House would be pleased to receive the same, He accordingly read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerks Table, where it was again read and is as follows vizt.—

That the committee of conference have agreed to Strike out the latter part of the second amendment as disagreed to by this House,——

Ordered that the said Report be taken into consideration immediately.—

The Report being read,——

Resolved, That this House do agree with the said report,—

Ordered that a Message be prepared to be sent to the Honble the Senate to acquaint them thereof and that M^{r}. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt

In the House of Representatives 26th feb^{y} 1782—

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate,

This House have considered the report of the Committee appointed to Confer with a Committee of your House on the subject of the amendments proposed to the Resolutions for appointing Commissioners to audit and Liquidate the Public accounts and have agreed to the same,—

By Order of the House—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that M^{r}. Gibbes and Major Hyrne do Carry the same.

M^{r}. Gibbes reported that Major Hyrne and himself, had delivered to the Senate, the Message they had in charge.

The Senate return'd by their clerk, the Resolutions of this House, for empowering the Governor to cause the money Subscribed and paid (on the Guarantee of Congress) for the releif of the Indigent citizens of this state, who were sent by the Enemy to philadelphia to be reimbursed with Interest out of such funds as shall appear to him most proper for that purpose, as soon as the same can conveniently be done,— and for the necessary support of such of those Citizens as he with the advice and Consent of the Privy council shall think really stand in need of the same, with their Honors concurrence thereto,—

Ordered that a Copy of the said Resolution be sent to his Excellency the Governor;— That a Message be prepared for that purpose, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same,—

The following Message was accordingly prepared, vizt.

In the House of Representatives Febry. 26th. 1782

Your Excellency will herewith receive the resolutions of this House empowering and requesting your Excellency to reimburse such Money, as has been subscribed and paid,—(on the Guarantee of Congress) for the relief of the Citizens of this state, who were sent by the Enemy to Philadelphia, with Interest out of such Funds as you may think proper, and make such farther Provision for their support as may be thought necessary,—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Dart and Colo. Grimke do wait on his Excellency with the said Message and Resolutions,—

The House went into the Senate House, and together with the Senate ratified the following acts vizt.—

An Act for the regulation of the Militia,—

An Act for disposing of Certain Estates and Banishing certain Persons therein mentioned,—

An Act for pardoning the person therein described,—

An Act to procure recruits and prevent desertion,—

An Act to prevent the Commencement of suits for the recovery of Debts &ca.—

An Act for furnishing Supplies for the army to the amount of 373,598 Mexican Dollars, being the quota assigned to this State &ca.—

An Act for Holding the Circuit Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the Several Districts of this State,—

An Act for empowering Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson, and John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate of the value of Ten thousand Guineas in Trust and for the use of the Honble Major General Greene,—

An Act for amercing certain persons therein mentioned,—

An Act for empowering the Congress of the United States to levy a Duty of five per Cent ad Valorem on Certain Goods and Merchandize and on prizes and prize Goods &c.—and—

An Ordinance for repealing the admiralty act and for other purposes therein mentioned,—

The House being return'd, Mr. Speaker reported, that this House together with the Senate, had ratified the Acts and Ordinance above mentioned.—

A Motion was made and Seconded, That the Vote of Thanks &ca. of this House of the 27th January Ulto. be immediately sent to the Honble Major General Greene together with a Copy of the act for empowering Thomas Ferguson, Morton Wilkinson and John Ward Esquires to purchase an Estate &ca. for his use, and that the same be accompanied by a Letter from Mr. Speaker,

Resolved in the affirmative.—

Mr. Dart reported that Colo. Grimke and himself had waited on his Excellency the Governor with the Message and Resolutions which they had in Charge,

A Motion was made and seconded, that a Message be prepared to be sent to his Excellency the Governor requesting that he wou'd be pleased to order an authentick copy of all the Laws which have passed this Session, to be taken, and sent to the Delegates from this state in philada. & printed

The Question being put.— It was carried in the affirmate

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives Febry 26th. 1782.

This House request your Excellency will be pleased to order an authentick copy of all the Laws which have been passed this Session, to be taken and sent to the Delegates in Congress, to be printed forth with.

By Order of the House,—
Hugh Rutledge Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Dart do wait on His Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Message.

The House then Adjourned,
till 4. 'oClock this Afternoon.

Tuesday 26th.
P. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion, Ordered, that a Message be prepared to be sent to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleas'd to order Compensation to be made to the person who has ingrossed the Laws which have been passed this session; to the Messenger of this House, and to such person as shall Transcribe the Journals of this House,

The following Message was accordingly prepared vizt.

In the House of Representatives febry 26, 1782.

This House request that your Excellency will be pleased to make such Compensation to M^{r}. Waller who has engrossed many of the acts which have been passed this session and for his other services, as your Excellency shall think adequate to those services, and that your Excellency will also be pleased to order such a Sum of Money to be paid to M^{r}. Pritchard the Messenger of this House as his services for this session may merit, And such a sum of Money as you may think a sufficient Compensation to the person who shall fairly engross the Journals of this House the Present session, Out of such Funds as your Excellency may think proper,—

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

A Motion was made and seconded that a Message be sent to the Honble the Senate, desiring their attendance in this House to proceed to the choice of a Commissioner of the Treasury and Commissioners for the sale of Confiscated Estates.—

The Senate accordingly attended and Balloted in the first instance for a Commissioner of the Treasury, upon casting up the Ballots, it appeared, that Edward Blake Esquire had a Majority of the Votes of the Members present; M^{r}. Speaker thereupon declared M^{r}. Blake duly elected,——

The Senate and this House then proceeded to ballot for the Commissioners for the sale of the Confiscated Estates upon Casting up the Ballots it appeared that, John Berwick, John E. Calhoun, Henry Crouch, Col^{o}. Grimke and Thomas Waring Esquires, had each of them a Majority of votes of the Members present; M^{r}. Speaker thereupon declared the Gentlemen above named to be duly elected,—

M^{r}. Speaker inform'd the House that he had rec'd an answer to his Letter from General Greene and read the same to the House,—

A Motion was thereupon made and Seconded that the letter be enter'd on the Journals which was agreed to and is as follows vizt

Sir/

I have been honoured with the thanks of your House and feel a weight of Obligation for the very flattering & favour-

able light in which they have been pleased to view and Consider my Conduct,—

The mark of Bounty which accompanies the resolution affords me the most pleasing proofs of their Esteem, at the same time that it displays a generosity of Sentiments no less honorable to them than flattering to me, permit me therefore to return the House of Representatives my hearty and grateful acknowledgements, for the Honors and Emoluments bestowed upon me, and to assure them that my future exertions for the common Cause shall be constant and uniform in Support of our Liberties

I also beg leave to return my sincere thanks to you Sir. for the very polite manner in which you Communicated the Resolution of the House.—

I have the Honor to be Sir
With great Respect & Esteem

To the Honble
Hugh Rutledge Esqr.
of the House of
Representatives of
S^{o}. Carolina

Your most obedient
and
Most Humble Servt.
Nathl. Greene
February 26. 1782—

A motion was made and seconded to Consider the message and Resolution of the Senate of the 23^{d}. Instant for postponing the Sale of the Estates real and personal of Doct^{r}. Alexander Garden, Alexander Harvey, Paul Hamilton, and Gideon Dupont Junr. &c^{a}.

On considering the same, after some time spent in Debate,—

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the further consideration of the said Resolution and Message be postponed,—

Another Motion was then made and Seconded that the Resolutions be disagreed to.—

The Question was put on the first motion

It passed in the negative.—

The Question being put on the Second Motion,—

A Debate arose that the Question should be put on each name mentioned in the Resolution, which being done it was carried in the affirmative.—

M^{r}. Speaker then put the Question, on the whole Resolutions and Message,—

Resolved that the Resolutions be rejected.—

A Message from the Senate in the following words vizt.—

In the Senate February 26th, 1782—

M^{r}. Speaker & Gent./

This House are of opinion that it woud be proper to adjourn to the Second Monday in August next, if your House agree thereto; this House will Adjourn accordingly.—

By Order of the House
John Lewis Gervais
President

The Message of the Senate being immediately considered was agreed to, and the following Message prepared signed by M^{r}. Speaker,

In the House of Represent^{s}. }
Febry 26, 1782 }

Honble Gent^{n}. of the Senate,

This House concur in opinion with your Honors that it will be proper to adjourn to the second Monday in August next

By Order of the House
Hugh Rutledge Speaker

Ordered that M^{r}. Gibbes and M^{r}. Dart do wait on the Senate with the above Message,—

M^{r}. Gibbes reported that M^{r}. Dart and himself had delivered to the Senate the Message they had in Charge,

A Motion was made and Seconded that the Members of this House, do dine together tomorrow, and that his Excellency the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, The Members of the Privy Council and the Senate be invited to Dinner,— It was Unanimously agreed to, and M^{r}. Speaker desired to invite them,—

The House then.—
Adjourn'd.—
to the Second Monday.—
in August next.
to meet at Jacksonburgh.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[This list of the members of the House of Representatives during the session covered by this journal does not form a part of the manuscript journal, but has been compiled by the Editor from the list given in the manuscript journal of Josiah Smith, Jr., and published by McCrady in *The History of South Carolina in the Revolution, 1780-1783*, pp. 739-742, checked by the names of members mentioned and by recitals of changes, etc., made from time to time in this journal.]

St. Philip's and St. Michael's Parishes (Charles Town).

Thomas Bee[1],
Richard Beresford,
John Blake,
Adænus Burke,
Edward Darrell,
John Edwards,
Nicholas Eveleigh,
William Hasell Gibbes,
Thomas Grimball,
John F. Grimké
Thomas Heyward, Jr.
Thomas Jones,
Henry Laurens,
John Laurens,
William Lee,
Richard Lushington,
Alexander Moultrie,
John Neufville, Jr.,
John Owen,
Thomas Pinckney,
James Postell,
John Ernest Poyas,
David Ramsay,
Jacob Read,
Edward Rutledge,
Hugh Rutledge,
Thomas Savage,
Daniel Stevens,
Anthony Toomer,
Charles Warham

Christ Church Parish.

John Berwick,
Clement Brown,
John Sandford Dart,
William Scott, Jr.,
James Vander Horst,
John Vander Horst.

St. Andrew's Parish.

Peter Bocquet,
Benjamin Cattell,
Thomas O. Elliott,
Richard Hutson,
Solomon Milner,
John Rutledge.

St. Paul's Parish.

Thomas Bee[2],
Thomas Ferguson,
George Livingston,
Christopher Peters,
Joseph Slann,
Morton Wilkinson.

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[1]Also elected from St. Paul's Parish.
[2]Also elected from Charles Town.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Joseph Glover, Sr.,
Edmund Hyrne,
James Postell, Jr.,
Richard Singleton,
William Skirving,
John Ward.

St. Helena's Parish.

Pierce Butler,
Glen Drayton,
_____ _____[1]
John Kean,
Charles Cotesworth Pinckney[2],
_____ _____[1]

St. Peter's Parish.

Thomas Cater,
Charles DuPont,
James Moore,
John Moore,
William Stafford,
James Thompson.

Prince William's Parish.

William Davis,
Aaron Gillett,
Thomas Hutson,
John McPherson
Andrew Postell,
James Smith.

St. George's Parish, Dorchester.

Edward Blake,
Isaac Huger,
John Mathews,
William Moultrie, Jr.,
Charles Cotesworth Pinckney[2],
Daniel Stewart,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Thomas Waring.

St. James's Parish, Goose Creek.

John Baddeley,
Alexander Broughton,
Thomas Elliott (of Wappoo),
George Flagg,
Ralph Izard,
William Johnson.

St. John's[3] Parish, Berkeley.

Alexander Broughton,
John Cordes,
John Frierson,
Gabriel Gignilliat,
Thomas Giles,
Richard Gough.

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[1]Thomas Heyward and Jacob Guerard declined to serve.
[2]Returned from two parishes.
[3]There were two parishes in South Carolina of this name. One was established within the borders of the then existing county of Berkeley and the other within the borders of the then existing county of Colleton, and the names Berkeley and Colleton were thereafter attached to them to distinguish them, notwithstanding that counties as political subdivisions of South Carolina passed out with the passage of the Church Act in 1706.

St. Thomas and St. Denis's Parish.

Joseph Fogartie,
Hopson Pinckney,
Robert Quash,
Thomas Shubrick,
Benjamin Simons,
Edward Weyman.

St. James's Parish, Santee.

Mark Huggins,
Henry Hughes,
Joseph Legaré,
Alexander McGregor,
Lewis Miles,
Anthony Simons.

St. Stephen's Parish.

Thomas Cooper,
Hezekiah Maham,
John Palmer, Jr.,
James Sinkler,
Peter Sinkler,
Benjamin Walker.

St. Matthew's and Orange Parishes.

Henry Felder,
William Myddelton,
Richard Andrews Rapley,
William Reid,
George Rennerson,
John Adam Treutlin[1].

Prince Frederick's Parish.

John Baxter,
John James (Major),
John McCauley,
William McCottry,
_____ _____[2]
Thomas Potts.

Prince George's Parish, Winyah.

William Bennison,
Christopher Gadsden,
Peter Horry,
Thomas Mitchell.

St. David's Parish.

Lemuel Benton,
William DeWitt,
Capt. Pegues,
William Pegues,
Philip Pledger,
Tristram Thomas.

All Saints Parish.

William Allston, Jr.,
Nathaniel Dwight.

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[1]He was also elected from his former home parish in Georgia to serve in the General Assembly of Georgia, which met in Augusta about the same time that the South Carolina body was meeting at Jacksonborough.

[2]James Postell, elected from this parish, was also elected from St. Philip's and St. Michael's parishes combined and chose to serve from those parishes.

Saxe-Gotha District.

Jonas Beard,
Joseph Culpeper,
Uriah Goodwyn,
Richard Hampton,
Wade Hampton,
Jacob Richmond.

District Eastward of the Wateree River.

James Bradley,
Samuel Dunlap,
Wood Furman,
John Gamble,
Capt. Gordon,
John James (of the High Hills of the Santee),
Joseph Kershaw,
Joseph Lee,
Richard Richardson,
William Welch.

District between the Broad and Catawba Rivers.

John Adair,
Henry Hunter,
Joseph Kirkland,
William Kirkland,
Edward Lacey,
Robert Lyell,
Charles Miles,
John Pearson,
William Reeves,
Richard Winn.

Lower District between the Broad and Saluda Rivers.

David Glyn,
Michael Leitner,
George Roof,
Philemon Waters.

Little River District betwen the Broad and Saluda Rivers.

Benjamin Kilgore,
——— Montgomery,
Dr. Ross,
John Wylds.

Upper, or Spartan, District between the Broad and Saluda Rivers.

Thomas Brandon,
William Henderson,
Samuel McJunkin,
John Thomas, Jr.

The New Acquisition.

John Forgee,
William Hill,
Joseph Howe,
William Howe,
David Leech,
John McCaw,
Joshua McKinney,
John Moffett,
John Patton,
Frame Wood.

Ninety Six District.

Robert Anderson,
Patrick Calhoun,
John Ewing Colhoun,
LeRoy Hammond,
Hugh Middleton,
James Moore,
John Murray,
Andrew Pickens,
Arthur Simkins.

District between the Edisto and Savannah Rivers.

John Collins,
William Dunbar,
Robert Lark,
John Parkinson,
George Robison,
William Robison.

There was no election held in St. John's Parish, Colleton, as most of the territory of that parish was in the hands of the enemy.

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